

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Edwards C., Girod, Thatcher, Riley
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires elected port commissioners to complete a public management training course before taking the oath of office.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of professionalism and accountability
- Free training opportunities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon has twenty-three public port districts, twenty-one of which have locally-elected port commissioners; commissioners for the Port of Coos Bay and Port of Portland are appointed by the Governor. Port commissioners typically serve four-year terms. There are currently no training requirements for elected port commissioners.

House Bill 2950 requires elected port commissioners to complete a public management training course lasting at least one day before subscribing to an oath of office. Typically there is a three month gap between the time port commissioners are elected and when they are sworn into office. The Special Districts Association of Oregon has offered to provide training free of charge to port commissioners.