

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Read  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Avakian

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and Be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 16 – 5 – 0

House – Yeas: Galizio, Garrard, Jenson, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields  
– Nays: D. Edwards, Hanna, Morgan  
– Exc:

Senate – Yeas: Bates, Carter, Devlin, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson, Schrader, Verger, Westlund  
– Nays: Whitsett, Winters  
– Exc:

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Meeting Date: 6/15/07

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates Sustainability Board. Establishes membership, term limits, decision-making model and meeting frequency. Directs board to encourage activities that sustain, protect and enhance Oregon's environment, economy and community. Authorizes board to accept grants. Creates the Sustainability Board Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in the fund to the board. Requires biennial report to Legislature.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Role of Sustainability Board

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Removes requirement that board appoint a director. Lets interest earned on Sustainability Board Fund accrue to General Fund. Removes redundant language on rule making.

**BACKGROUND:** The Sustainability Board was created as an eight member board under the 2001 Oregon Sustainability Act (HB 3948), which sunset on January 2, 2006. The act authorized the Board to appoint a director and authorized the director to appoint staff, but no positions have been funded. A 2003 executive order directed the board to review state agency sustainability plans. Upon sunset of the act in January 2006, an executive order reconstituted the Sustainability Board, this time as an 11 member board.