

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 1 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Edwards C., Girod, Thatcher, Riley
<b>Nays:</b>	Beyer
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/5

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows a county court the option of appointing one county fair board member who is a resident of an adjoining county.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Examples of applicable cases
- Funding sources for county fair boards
- Difficulty in filling fair board positions in some counties
- Communities that participate in fairs in neighboring counties

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** ORS 565.210-565.330 governs the formation and operation of county fairs in Oregon. Each county is allowed to hold up to one fair per year. Most county fairs are overseen by a county fair board comprised of three to seven members, appointed by the county court. The fair board is authorized to make and enforce all rules and regulations necessary for the conduct and management of the fair in that county, and may appoint marshals or police to help keep order and preserve peace on the county fairgrounds, both during the fair and at other times when the board deems necessary.

County fair board members serve three-year terms and select a president and secretary as board officers (the secretary need not be a board member). Board members may be removed by the county court for reasons of inefficiency, neglect of duty, misconduct in office, incompetence, incompatibility, dereliction of duty or other good cause, with those terms being defined by county ordinance. Current law requires that fair board members be a resident of the county in which they serve. House Bill 3414 authorizes the appointment of one fair board member who is not a resident of the county, but is a resident of an adjoining county. Proponents of the measure indicate that the change will allow a fair board to retain a member who wishes to remain active with the board but moves to an adjacent community.