

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	6 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Atkinson, Avakian, Metsger, Morse, Courtney, Monroe
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Winters
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Meeting Dates:	3/21, 3/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies membership of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology, "Ballot Measure 1" (2000) Committee (section 8, Article VIII of the Oregon Constitution), Legislative Counsel Committee and the Legislative Administration Committee. Provides that quorum of listed legislative committees is a majority of House members and a majority of Senate members. Requires an affirmative vote of a majority of House members and a majority of Senate members for action by listed committees.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Membership of statutory committees
- Quorum requirements for joint committees
- Voting requirements for joint committees
- Membership, quorum and voting requirements for Emergency Board

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes references to the Emergency Board.

BACKGROUND: Membership of some joint legislative committees is established in statute. Generally, the President and Speaker are required to appoint legislators from each chamber to the committees. Presently, most committee rules define quorum to be a majority of appointed members and also require an affirmative vote of a majority of appointed members for action.

Senate Bill 371, passed by the Senate earlier this session, modified the membership, quorum and voting requirements of the Emergency Board. Senate Bill 5-A modifies the membership of other statutory joint legislative committees to even membership between the House and Senate and to require a majority from each chamber for quorum requirements and committee action.