74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Reform

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

SB 6

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Atkinson, Avakian, Metsger, Morse, Courtney, Monroe

Nays: 0 Exc.: Winters

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Meeting Dates: 3/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates the Oregon State Capitol Planning Commission. Directs commission to develop comprehensive, multi-year master plan for restoration and refurbishment of the Capitol building. Authorizes the commission to appoint an architect of the Capitol building. Establishes the Oregon State Capitol Planning Commission Fund for gifts, grants or donations collected or received by the commission. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to commission. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Opportunity to evaluate the Capitol facilities and develop a comprehensive plan for renovation
- Evolving uses of the Capitol
- Commission's ability to accept gifts and grants
- Relationship of the Oregon State Capitol Planning Commission to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation
- Idaho State Capitol Commission and recommendation from the Public Commission on the Oregon Legislature

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In recent years, several capitols across the country have undergone significant renovation or are still in the process of renovation. In 1998, Idaho created the nine-member Idaho State Capitol Commission to develop a master plan for restoration and renovation of the state's capitol building. The Idaho Legislature has acted on the commission's recommendations by approving funding for various phases of renovation.

Last interim, the Public Commission on the Oregon Legislature recommended that the Legislative Administration Committee establish an advisory committee to develop a comprehensive plan for renovation projects for the wings and original building, seismic upgrades and the possibility of moving some Capitol occupants to other locations on the mall. The goal of the advisory committee would be to develop a comprehensive plan for Capitol renovation including project outlines, approximate costs, funding sources and timelines. The advisory committee would subsequently review the plan and progress on an ongoing basis and revise the plan as necessary.

The Oregon State Capitol Planning Commission proposed in Senate Bill 6 should not be confused with the Capitol Planning Commission, abolished in 2005 by Senate Bill 90, which oversaw project planning on the capitol mall. The Department of Administrative Services now has planning and oversight duties once held by the Capitol Planning Commission.

Senate Bill 6 directs the Oregon State Capitol Planning Commission to accomplish goals similar to those achieved by the Idaho State Capitol Commission and proposed by the Public Commission on the Oregon Legislature.