

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Finance and Revenue by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Atkinson, Avakian, Metsger, Morse, Courtney, Monroe
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Winters
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/28

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes the State Treasurer to issue revenue bonds to be paid from moneys deposited in the Oregon State Capitol Foundation Fund. Specifies that bond proceeds are to be used to pay for remodel of the Senate and House wings of the Oregon State Capitol. Appropriates moneys to Legislative Administration Committee from the General Fund to pay bond-related costs incurred in biennium. Limits expenditures of committee from specific funds.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Authorization given to Legislative Administration to continue planning for wing renovation
- Infrastructure problems in the wings
- Health and safety concerns in the wings
- How to pay for and cost of wing renovation
- Fear of accomplishing wing renovation and not completing renovation of the old building
- Possible timeline for approval of funding for various renovation projects

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

**BACKGROUND:** The present Capitol building was completed in 1938. The House and Senate “wings” were built during the 1975-1976 interim to create office space for legislators and their staff, add hearing rooms, and add office space now occupied by the Legislative Counsel, Legislative Fiscal and Legislative Revenue Offices. Since then, improvements in technology have changed the legislative process and the way that constituents communicate with legislators.

A Capitol Wings Renovation Project has been under discussion since the late 1990’s. The project addresses infrastructure problems including corroding water pipes in the House and Senate wings, overloaded electrical systems, overloaded computer network cable trays, bad air quality and circulation, a fire sprinkler system that is not up to code, and other fire hazards.