

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Johnson, Monnes Anderson, Nelson, Brown
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Ferrioli
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/22, 4/6

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows the Attorney General to correct clerical errors in draft or certified ballot titles prepared by the Attorney General for state initiative petitions and referendum measures. Defines clerical error. Sets deadline for making corrections. Specifies that time for filing petition for judicial review of corrected ballot title begins on date corrected title is certified.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Legal process to amend draft ballot titles
- Cost of legal process
- Definition of clerical error

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Defines clerical error.

**BACKGROUND:** The Attorney General is required to prepare ballot titles for citizen initiatives, referenda and some legislative referrals. Statute outlines the process for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to draft and the public to comment on ballot titles. On occasion the DOJ has certified ballot titles that include typographical or clerical errors. The only way to correct such an error is by Oregon Supreme Court review of a petitioner's challenge to the title. If no review is sought, then the error must go uncorrected. If review is sought, then the Attorney General may concede the error and have the title redrafted. This process results in some ballot titles with uncorrected errors.

Senate Bill 124 A allows the Attorney General to correct typographical, clerical errors and authorizes the Attorney General to make a correction to a certified ballot title.