

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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Meeting Dates: 5/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates the State Drinking Water Advisory Committee to advise and assist the Department of Human Services (DHS).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Pros and cons of codifying agency advisory boards in statute
- Composition of advisory board and process for soliciting members
- Impact of measure on DHS budget
- Impact of measure on small communities with unsafe drinking water

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A State Drinking Water Advisory Committee is currently authorized under the Oregon Department of Human Services Public Health Division to advise the department on safe drinking water issues. This advisory committee has operated at the department's discretion since 1981. Because drinking water concerns intersect with a number of different state agencies, the department believes codifying the Drinking Water Advisory Committee in statute would broaden the committee's role to serve multiple state agencies.