

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 3 - 1 - 1
Yeas: Bates, Prozanski, Avakian
Nays: Beyer
Exc.: Atkinson
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Meeting Dates: 1/23, 3/22

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Whether there is a need for a State Drinking Water Advisory Committee
- Whether Soil and Water Conservation Districts should be listed as potential nominees
- The importance of safe 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 encoding the Drinking Water Advisory Committee in statute would broaden the committee's role to serve multiple state agencies.