

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 6 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Roblan, Thatcher, Rosenbaum
Nays: -
Exc.: Hunt
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Meeting Dates: 6/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases membership of the Emergency Board from 17 to 20 members, consisting of 10 members of the House and 10 members of the Senate. Provides that a quorum for action of the Emergency Board is a majority of House members and majority of Senate members. Provides that action requires the affirmative vote of a majority of members from each chamber. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Constitution, Article 3 Section 3, authorizes the Legislative Assembly to establish a joint committee to, when an emergency exists, allocate additional funds to any state agency; authorize any state agency to expend in excess of the amount of the approved agency budget; approve a use of funds appropriated for a new activity; or revise or amend budgets authorizing transfers between expenditure classifications within an agency budget. ORS 291.326 establishes the powers of the Emergency Board.

Currently, the 17 members of the Emergency Board are:

- The President of the Senate;
- The Speaker of the House;
- Chairpersons of the Senate and House Ways and Means Committees;
- Six other members of the Senate - four with previous experience on Ways and Means; and
- Seven other members of the House - four with previous experience on Ways and Means.

Members are appointed by the President and Speaker and confirmed by a majority of members of their respective chambers. Senate Bill 371 increases membership on the Emergency Board by one House member and two Senate members.