

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Beyer, Edwards C., Girod, Thatcher, Riley
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Abolishes the Lane County Boundary Commission. Transfers funds, rights, and obligations of commission to Lane County. Transfers commission records to State Archives and commission property to Lane County. Abolishes Lane County Local Government Boundary Commission Fund. Provides for distribution of commission moneys according to rate charges assessed and collected from entities within abolished commission jurisdiction. Authorizes Lane County to assess and collect charges from said entities if there are insufficient funds to meet transferred liabilities or obligations. Specifies that existing actions or proceedings against commission continue with appropriate substitution of parties. Requires boundary changes after January 2, 2008 to be processed under statutes for entities without boundary commissions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Proper body for making boundary decisions
- City support for abolishing commission
- Lack of electoral accountability

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 1969, three local boundary commissions were created by the Legislative Assembly with the goal of controlling fragmented service boundaries in Oregon's most populated areas. These commissions were authorized to approve boundary changes in existing governments and approve creation of new governments. The three commissions, in Multnomah, Marion, and Lane counties, were in place for four years before Oregon's landmark land use legislation, Senate Bill 100 (1973), was adopted. Determining that boundary commissions were a duplication of government, the Legislative Assembly disbanded the Marion County Commission in the mid-1980's and the Multnomah County Commission was removed from statute in 1999. The Lane County Boundary Commission is the only one of the three to remain in statute and in operation today.