

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Metsger, Morse, Westlund, Walker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Kruse
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Meeting Dates:	2/15, 3/29

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 were 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:

- Number of boundary commissions in Oregon
- Distribution of boundary commission assets if it is abolished
- Initiation of annexation requests
- Other statutes that govern annexation
- Appropriate entity to assume duties if boundary commission is abolished

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Provides for distribution of abolished commission moneys according to rate charges were 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. Requires property of commission to be disposed of or delivered to Lane County. 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.

BACKGROUND: In 1969, three local boundary commissions were created by the legislature in the belief that these organizations would control 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 – for 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 legislature 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.