

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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: Allows a record owner of land in a sanitary district to serve as a member of the governing body for the district.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Opens boards to representation by businesses and public entities that own property in the district
- Makes sanitary districts consistent with other types of districts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 450 governs the formation and operation of sanitary districts, which provide sanitation services and for construction, operation and maintenance of related facilities. Each district is headed by an elected board of three or five members, which is specified at the time the district is created, though a board may increase from three to five members subsequent to formation. The board for each sanitary district elects a president from its own members, and also appoints a secretary; the secretary need not be a member of the district board. Sanitary district boards must meet at least once per month to conduct business.

ORS 255 governs the nomination and election of board members and the conduct of elections for the district. To be eligible to serve as a board member of a sanitary district, a person must be an elector within the district. Senate Bill 516 stipulates that a person who owns property within the district, but who does not live within the district, may be elected to serve on the district board.