

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 1 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Beyer, Edwards C., Thatcher, Riley
<b>Nays:</b>	Girod
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/3

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Removes statutory references to metropolitan service district applicable to districts generally that conflict with or are superseded by more specific references applicable to metropolitan service districts.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Need to provide consistency
- Metro as a “home rule” government

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Metro is the directly-elected regional government that serves more than 1.3 million residents in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties, and the 25 cities in the Portland metropolitan area. Following the voters’ approval of Metro’s Charter in 1992, ORS chapter 268 was amended to conform ORS chapter 268 and other state laws to the 1992 Metro Charter. ORS 268 and the Metro Charter now provide rules that Metro must follow for most of the issues addressed in ORS chapter 198, but Metro remains defined in ORS chapter 198 as a special district. The result is that reading ORS chapter 198 in isolation leaves the confusing impression that its provisions apply to Metro. Senate Bill 773 remedies this by eliminating references to metropolitan service districts in ORS chapter 198 that conflict with, or are duplicative of, more specific provisions in ORS chapter 268 and the Metro Charter.