

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Hunt, Roblan, Thatcher, Rosenbaum
Nays:	-
Exc.:	-
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Meeting Dates:	5/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Abolishes joint legislative committees on water policy, transportation, trade and economic development, land use, and the Oregon plan. Repeals related statutes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Several joint legislative committees are established in statute. Statute directs the President and Speaker to appoint legislators from each chamber to the committees. Notwithstanding, Legislative leadership has sometimes opted not to appoint the committees. The statutory Joint Committee on Trade and Economic Development, for example, has not been appointed since at least 1995, although several similar standing committees and interim committees, including at least one joint interim committee, have been appointed to address trade and economic development issues. In 1995, the lack of budget appropriation led to the closing of the Committee's office and the eventual conversion of its hearing room and office space to other uses.

The Oregon Constitution, Article IV, Section 11 provides each legislative chamber with the authority to adopt its own rules of procedure:

“Each house when assembled, shall choose its own officers, judge of the election, qualifications, and returns of its own members; determine its own rules of proceeding, and sit upon its own adjournments; but neither house shall without the concurrence of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other place than that in which it may be sitting.”

Nevertheless, past Legislatures have occasionally attempted to obligate future Legislatures.