AN ACT

Relating to State Drinking Water Advisory Committee.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The State Drinking Water Advisory Committee is created to advise and assist the Department of Human Services on policies related to the protection, safety and regulation of public drinking water in Oregon.

(2) The committee created under this section shall consist of 15 members appointed by the Public Health Officer. The officer shall make the appointments after considering nominees from:

(a) Public water systems of cities with a population greater than 100,000;
(b) Privately owned water systems;
(c) Environmental advocacy groups;
(d) The American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon;
(e) The Conference of Local Health Officials created by ORS 431.330;
(f) The League of Oregon Cities;
(g) The League of Women Voters of Oregon;
(h) The Oregon Association of Water Utilities;
(i) The Oregon Environmental Health Association;
(j) The Oregon Environmental Laboratory Association;
(k) The Pacific Northwest Section of the American Water Works Association;
(L) The Special Districts Association of Oregon;
(m) Organizations representing plumbers or backflow testers;
(n) Water consumers; and
(o) Watershed councils.

(3) The committee shall adopt rules to govern its proceedings and shall select a chair and any other officers it considers necessary.

(4) The members shall be appointed to serve for terms of three years. A vacancy on the committee shall be filled by appointment by the Public Health Officer for the unexpired term.

(5) The committee shall meet regularly four times a year at times and places fixed by the chair of the committee. The committee may meet at other times specified by the chair or a majority of the members of the committee.
(6) The Department of Human Services shall provide assistance and space for meetings as requested by the chair of the committee.

(7) Members of the committee shall be entitled to actual and necessary expenses as provided by ORS 292.495 (2).

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the term of office specified in section 1 of this 2007 Act, of the members first appointed to the State Drinking Water Advisory Committee:

(1) Five shall serve for terms ending June 30, 2009.
(2) Five shall serve for terms ending June 30, 2010.
(3) Five shall serve for terms ending June 30, 2011.