

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Berger, Edwards C., Garrard, Gelser, Jenson, Nolan, Read, Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/11, 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires administrative rule review reports to be considered by interim committee with subject-matter jurisdiction over state agency's area of responsibility rather than by Legislative Counsel Committee. Requires Legislative Counsel to develop list of state agencies with areas of responsibility primarily within subject-matter jurisdiction of interim committees and to assign all state agencies to at least one interim committee for rule review.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Backlog of rules subject to review
- Workload impact on legislative committees
- Obligation to review bills upon request of legislator

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Under existing law (ORS 183.710-183.725) in place since 1963, Legislative Counsel prepares administrative rule review reports at the direction of the Legislative Counsel Committee or upon written request from any member of the Legislative Assembly. Proponents assert that about 1600 rules are reviewed annually at the present time. Reports by Legislative Counsel are submitted to the Legislative Counsel Committee for consideration. Proponents assert that there is an existing backlog of rules to be reviewed and that it is difficult to eliminate that backlog because the Legislative Counsel Committee meets infrequently. According to proponents, HB 2466 would wipe the slate clean on existing backlog as of January 1, 2009 and does not change Legislative Counsel's obligation to review rules upon legislator request.