## 75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Business and Labor

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 7 - 2 - 1

Yeas: Barton, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Matthews, Witt, Schaufler

Nays: Cameron, Thatcher

Exc.: Kennemer

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/20, 3/6

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Clarifies that one board member of the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) Board of Directors have experience in representing the interests of the university's employees. Directs the two largest collective bargaining units at OHSU to submit to the Governor a list of at least three nominees for consideration for appointment to the newly designated board position. Expands the types of experience a potential non-designated board member can possess to include "labor."

**MEASURE:** 

**CARRIER:** 

HB 2570 A

Rep. Matthews

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current membership of the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) Board of Directors
- Potential of opening the door for other classes of employees to want representation on the Board of Directors; for example, non-classified employees and alumni
- Role of the university's Board of Directors
- OHSU's mission of serving Oregonians

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Restores the number of members on the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) Board of Directors to ten members. Clarifies that one board member have experience in representing the interest of OHSU employees. Adds "labor" to the types of experience that a potential non-designated OHSU board member can possess. Requires the Governor, when the next board member position becomes vacant, to appoint a person with experience representing OHSU employees' interest.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) Board of Directors currently consists of ten members: an OHSU student representative; a non-student member of the State Board of Higher Education; seven representatives who have experience in either OHSU's missions or areas important to the university's success; and the OHSU president, who is an ex-officio voting member. HB 2570-A reduces the number of non-designated board members to six and requires that one board member position represent the university's employees.

OHSU Board of Directors positions are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The university's two largest collective bargaining units are the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and the Oregon Nurses Association.