75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: CARRIER:

House Committee on Human Services

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and

HB 3353 A

Means by Prior Reference

Vote: 8 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, Freeman, Maurer, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei

Nays: 0 Exc.: Huffman

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Meeting Dates: 3/25, 4/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes a 16-member Alcohol and Drug Treatment Policy Commission in the Department of Justice. Abolishes Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and transfers the duties, powers and funds of the Council to the Commission. Provides for compensation of Commission members. Requires Commission to report to Governor and interim committee of the legislative assembly. Designates reporting dates including requirement for a report detailing a specific plan for funding and delivering services across all human services and public safety agencies in time for consideration for the Governor's budget consideration for the 2011 biennium. Creates consistent language from the Council responsibilities to the Commission responsibilities.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Coordinating the efforts of law enforcement, prevention and treatment
- State priority to reduce legal drug consumption
- Fragmentation of current system
- Need for cross boundary system

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Expands the Commission to 16 members. Abolishes the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and transfers the duties, powers and funds to the Commission. Designates reporting dates including requirement for a report detailing a specific plan for funding and delivering services across all human services and public safety agencies in time for consideration for the Governor's budget consideration for the 2011 biennium. Creates consistent language from the Council responsibilities to the Commission.

BACKGROUND: The Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs advised the state on how to prevent and treat addiction to alcohol and other drugs. The 11 member council was charged with implementing the legislative policy on substance abuse and with:

- Assessing the economic and social impact of alcohol and drug abuse on the State of Oregon and reporting the findings and recommendations to the Governor;
- Reviewing and making recommendations to the Governor on the goals, financing, priorities and a state plan for prevention, intervention and treatment of alcohol and drug abuse problems; and,
- Reviewing alcohol and drug abuse programs and making recommendations to the Governor on the
 effectiveness and priorities for improvements of all such prevention and treatment programs for alcohol and
 drug problems engaged in or financed through state agencies.

HB 3353 A establishes the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Policy Commission, abolishes Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and transfers the duties, powers and funds of the Council to the Commission specifically charging the Commission to produce a plan for the funding and effective delivery of alcohol and drug treatment and prevention services across all human services and public safety agencies, including recommendations regarding:

- Funding priorities;
- · Maximizing accountability; and,
- Reducing fragmentation in the delivery system.