

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** 0  
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**Meeting Dates:** 3/9

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Revises and clarifies the Oregon Law Commission's enabling statutes. Increases membership from 13 to 15 members. Changes appointment by each legislative chamber from one current member and one other person to one current member and one current or former member. Adds Court of Appeals appointment. Adds circuit court judge member appointment. Increases term from two to four years. Codifies current practice. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Whether an emergency clause is appropriate
- Concerns about possible fiscal impact of additional judicial appointments

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Law Commission was created in 1997 by the Legislative Assembly to conduct a continuous program of law reform. The Commissioners include four legislators or their designees, the chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, the Attorney General, a Governor's appointee, the deans or representatives from each law school in Oregon and three representatives from the Oregon State Bar. In addition to the thirteen Commissioners, currently over two hundred volunteers serve on the Commission's Work Groups.