75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE:

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. Atkinson

SB 660

**Senate Committee on Rules** 

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Subsequent Referral to Ways & Means Committee Be Rescinded

**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Atkinson, Ferrioli, Metsger, Devlin

Nays: 0

Exc.: Burdick

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Meeting Dates: 3/24

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes state employee to voluntarily request payroll deduction for purposes of making donation to Oregon State Capitol Foundation. Continuously appropriates moneys to foundation for purposes of enhancing and embellishing the State Capitol and preserving the Capitol's history.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- This measure is final step needed to allow employees to make voluntary contributions
- Referral to Ways & Means Committee probably not necessary

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

**BACKGROUND:** SB 660 will allow state employees to directly contribute to the preservation of the Oregon State Capitol by setting up a voluntary payroll deduction donated directly to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation. There has been some question until now about authority to administer this deduction.

The 1997 Oregon State Legislature passed Senate Bill 1220 to establish the Oregon State Capitol Foundation and an Oregon State Capitol Foundation Fund. The Oregon State Capitol Foundation's vision is to "create a living history, enhance the dignity and beauty of the Capitol, and foster cultural and educational opportunities." To achieve this vision, the foundation's mission is to "preserve the historical integrity of the State Capitol and its immediate adjacent areas, to recognize the history of activities of state government that have occurred in the State Capitol, and to celebrate the contributions of persons who have participated in state government in the Capitol..."