

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Nathanson  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Winters

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 20 – 1 – 1

House

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Shields, G. Smith

Nays: Gilman

Exc: Richardson

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 16, 2009

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Reestablishes the Capitol Planning Commission and specifies commission membership, which includes a mix of government and local citizens. Assigns support for commission and its activities to the Department of Administrative Services. Charges commission with establishing plan for areas surrounding state buildings in the City of Salem and implementing a master plan for state buildings in the Capitol Mall area. The Commission is also to conduct studies and analyses of building needs for state agencies located within the boundaries of the cities of Salem and Keizer and adopt standards, such as landscaping and setback requirements, for state buildings and grounds. Requires Commission to coordinate and cooperate with local government agencies on planning, zoning, and potential legislation. Specifies that Commission will coordinate with Oregon State Capitol Foundation on activities relating to the State Capitol, its grounds, and the Capitol Mall. Requires Commission to investigate, review, and make recommendations on proposed development or changes to state buildings and grounds under its purview. Sets a 90-day timeframe for commission to make recommendation on proposals, with proposals deemed approved once the timeframe has expired. Clarifies that proposals coming before the Commission do not need to come before the Capital Projects Advisory Board. Requires Commission report to Legislative Assembly once every two years on any adopted plans.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Ability of Department of Administrative Services to support Commission within its 2009-11 budget
- Need to restore connectivity with local government and citizens on issues around the state's footprint in Salem
- Change in membership from old statute increasing membership from local citizens
- Complementary, not duplicative, effort to Capital Projects Advisory Board

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

**BACKGROUND:** The former Capitol Planning Commission was established in 1949. In 1973, its membership was expanded to include the Director of the Executive Department and the Director of the Department of General Services. The Executive Department and the Department of General Services were combined in 1993 into the Department of Administrative Services. Operations of the former commission were suspended in 2003 in House Bill 3597. At that time, a budget note directed the Department of Administrative Services to use the Capital Projects Advisory Board to fulfill certain aspects of the commission's functions during the suspension. In 2005, Senate Bill 90 abolished the commission entirely.