

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits county governing body to dissolve tax supervising and conservation commission under certain circumstances. Provides for transfer of dissolved commission's unexpended funds.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Total budget of the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission
- Effective date of the measure
- Value of the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission's work
- Participation of citizen members on tax district budget committees

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission was created in the 1920s to collect and publish in a central place tax and budget information for all of the taxing districts in counties larger than 500,000 – i.e. Multnomah County. For many years, related statutes applied only to Multnomah County because only it was larger than 500,000. In the early 2000s, Washington County went over that threshold and, at the request of Washington County, the Legislative Assembly adopted Senate Bill 899 (2005) that allowed counties to provide the information through a commission or through other mechanisms for generally making budget information available to the public. Under Senate Bill 748, Multnomah County could dissolve the commission and provide information in the same manner as Washington County or other counties that, in the future, exceed the 500,000 population figure.