

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 3
Yeas:	Edwards C., Garrard, Nolan, Read, Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Berger, Gelsner, Jenson
Prepared By:	Patrick Brennan, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	6/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Reduces, from six to four, the number of legislators appointed to the Asset Forfeiture Advisory Committee.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Membership of the advisory committee
- Time and energy required for legislators to serve
- Activities of the advisory committee

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Resolves conflicts with Senate Bill 356 (Chapter 78, Oregon Laws 2009).

BACKGROUND: The Asset Forfeiture Advisory Committee reviews forfeitures carried out under ORS 475A (civil forfeitures) and ORS 131.550-600 (criminal forfeitures). The committee can also make recommendations to increase the effectiveness, fairness and efficiency of forfeiture actions. The committee is currently comprised of 12 members: three House members appointed by the Speaker; three Senators appointed by the Senate President; three members appointed by the Governor; and three members appointed by the Attorney General.

Senate Bill 780-A reduces the number of House members and Senate members appointed to the Asset Forfeiture Advisory Committee from three of each to two of each. The committee itself recommended the reduction in legislative members.