

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Burdick, Ferrioli, Metsger, Devlin
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/24

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The committee itself recommended this reduction in legislative members
- Senate President's office endorses, in part because there are over 70 board and commission positions that need to be filled by senators

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Asset Forfeiture Oversight Committee currently comprises 12 members:

- Six legislators appointed by the Senate President and Speaker of the House;
- Three members appointed by the Governor; and
- Three members appointed by the Attorney General.

The committee reviews forfeitures carried out under ORS chapter 475A (civil forfeiture) and ORS 131.550-600 (criminal forfeitures). The committee can also make recommendations to increase the effectiveness, fairness and efficiency of forfeiture actions.

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