75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Commerce and Workforce Development

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred

to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

SB 895 A

Vote: 4 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Prozanski, Telfer, Rosenbaum

Nays: George Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/6, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Construction Diversity Oversight Board (board) and prescribes composition, powers, and duties of board. Requires Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) to provide staff assistance to board. Establishes Construction Diversity Oversight Fund. Requires that moneys from fund be continuously appropriated to carry out purposes of board. Effective on September 1, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

· Diversion of moneys from road building and maintenance

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes the composition of the board. Permits BOLI to seek various sources of funds. Changes effective date to September 1, 2009.

BACKGROUND: Women and minorities have traditionally been underrepresented, as a percentage of the state's population, at every level of involvement in public construction projects. State policy requires equal employment opportunities for all citizens. Different public entities have made various efforts to address this variance, with some success. Senate Bills 894 A, 895 A, and 896 all attempt to increase the involvement of women and minorities in public construction projects in Oregon.