

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/10

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Permits elected county surveyor in county with population of less than 25,000 to not be a resident of the county he or she represents. Includes county surveyor in definition of nonpartisan office. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Number of counties with a population of less than 25,000
- Previous removal of surveyors from definition of nonpartisan office
- Ability for surveyor to be elected in a county where he or she is not an elector
- Adequacy of 25,000 ceiling

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

**BACKGROUND:** Prior to the enactment of Senate Bill 344 (2009), county surveyors were elected. Since Senate Bill 344 was enacted, surveyors are appointed unless a county ordinance provides otherwise or if the county is under a county charter. House Bill 3672 permits elected surveyors, if elected in a county with a population of less than 25,000, to not be residents of the county in which they serve.

Senate Bill 344 also deleted the office of county surveyor from statutes that list nonpartisan offices. House Bill 3672 restores such designation to the office of county surveyor.