

# Senate Bill 986

Sponsored by Senator METSGER (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Specifies that vice chairperson of Willamette River Cleanup Authority is selected by majority of members. Requires Willamette River Cleanup Authority to hold public meetings at least twice each year. Allows majority of members to call additional meetings.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to Willamette River Cleanup Authority; amending ORS 468.533.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 468.533 is amended to read:

5 468.533. (1) There is established a Willamette River Cleanup Authority consisting of five mem-  
6 bers. The authority shall be composed of:

7 (a) The Governor;

8 (b) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
9 Representatives; and

10 (c) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate.

11 (2) The purpose of the authority is to:

12 (a) Receive periodic reports from the Department of Environmental Quality, the United States  
13 Environmental Protection Agency and potentially responsible parties involved in the remedial in-  
14 vestigation and feasibility study process relating to the listing of the Willamette River on the Na-  
15 tional Priorities List described in 42 U.S.C. 9605; and

16 (b) Make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly on the amount of general obligation  
17 bonds or other bonds that would need to be issued to pay for the implementation of all or a portion  
18 of the record of decision of the remedial investigation and feasibility study process.

19 (3)(a) The Governor shall serve as chairperson, and a majority of members constitutes a quorum  
20 for the transaction of business.

21 **(b) A vice chairperson shall be selected by a majority of members. In the absence of the**  
22 **chairperson, the vice chairperson shall assume the duties of the chairperson.**

23 (4) All agencies of the state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the  
24 authority in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to  
25 confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the authority consider  
26 necessary to perform their duties.

27 (5) The authority [*may*] **shall** hold public meetings for the transaction [*of any*] of its business  
28 **at least twice each year** at the times and places [*as it may prescribe*] **prescribed by the vice**  
29 **chairperson. A majority of members may call additional meetings.** At any such public hearing,  
30 any person interested in the matter being investigated may appear and testify.

31 (6) The authority shall establish such advisory or technical committees as it considers necessary

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 to aid and advise the authority in the performance of its duties. The authority shall determine the  
2 representation, membership, terms and organization of the committees and shall appoint committee  
3 members, except that at least one advisory committee shall be composed of representatives of  
4 property owners in the area that is the subject of the remedial investigation and feasibility study,  
5 state and local environmental organizations, the Port of Portland, the City of Portland and private-  
6 sector labor representatives.

7 (7) Members of the advisory or technical committees are not entitled to compensation nor re-  
8 imbursement for actual and necessary travel and other expenses.

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