

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bonamici, Boquist, Monroe, Shields
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	George
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Delegates responsibility for selecting a chairperson and vice-chairperson for the Commission for Women to members of the Commission. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Makes consistent with Commission on Black Affairs and Commission on Hispanic Affairs

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

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Commission for Women was established in 1964 by Governor Mark Hatfield to advise him of the needs and concerns of Oregon women. The Commission received independent agency status from Governor Victor Atiyeh in 1983, with a directive to continue its mission to strive for implementation of programs and policies benefiting women; it was also established legislatively the same year to work for women’s equality.

The Commission consists of eleven members; nine are appointed by the Governor, and one legislator from each chamber is appointed by the Speaker and Senate President, respectively. Currently, the chair and vice-chair for the eleven-member Commission are designated by the Governor, even though the Commission’s bylaws allow for members to elect their own chair and vice-chair.