76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2859 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on General Government and Consumer Protection

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and

Means by prior reference

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Cameron, Clem, Conger, Matthews, Sheehan, Smith J., Holvey, Whisnant

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/17, 4/12, 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds coordinator of State Historical Records Advisory Board to Oregon Heritage Commission (Commission) as an advisory member. Changes status of ex officio members to advisory members. Specifies additional duties of the Commission, primarily related to coordinating efforts to preserve Oregon historical records. Directs State Archives to provide staff support for Commission's additional duties. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Envisioning Oregon report
- Whether the State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) should be a statutory board
- Level of grants received in Oregon relative to Washington and Idaho
- Competition versus collaboration
- Why key organizations are not meeting regularly already
- Role of the Oregon Heritage Commission

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND: The State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) was identified in the *Envisioning Oregon* report as the logical organization to provide leadership for cooperation in the acquisition and management of historical document collections. *Envisioning Oregon* noted that Oregon's SHRAB has not worked to bring grant funding to Oregon at the level of nearby states. Washington, with twice the population, has brought in six times as much National Historical Publication and Records Commission grant funding over a five-year period. Idaho, with half the population, received 2.5 times as much grant funding. Proponents noted that there is competition for grants among Oregon's various agencies and organizations focused on historical records when, instead, there should be a coordinated effort to attract grants.

The Commission is currently composed of nine voting members appointed by the Governor and eight ex officio members specified in statute.