

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Nathanson  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Edwards

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Fiscal:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

**Vote:** 24 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Richardson, G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Bates

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**Meeting Date:** May 13, 2011

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**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:**

- Fiscal impact of the measure

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

**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Oregon* report as the logical organization to provide leadership for cooperation in the acquisition and management of historical document collections.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.