

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules and then Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference

Vote: 4 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/18, 5/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Proposes revision to Oregon Constitution to give new appropriation authority to Governor and Legislative Assembly if catastrophic disaster is declared. Allows Legislature to operate with a quorum of two-thirds of members able to attend as opposed to two-thirds of all members. Allows Legislature to convene in place other than Capitol. Specifies that legislator shall be considered in attendance of legislative session if participating through electronic means. Specifies that substantive provisions cease to be operative not later than 30 days following time provisions are invoked. Allows for extension of 30-day limit if three-fifths of members of each house able to attend session contemplated by provisions approve. Requires bill establishing date provisions cease to be operative. Restricts Governor to one time invocation of measure provisions for same catastrophic disaster. Allows invocation of provisions for different catastrophic disaster. Refers proposed revision for vote in special election on same date as next general election.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Legislative action after catastrophic disaster
- Emergency preparedness
- Dealing with the disaster after the disaster
- Difference between initial response and recovery
- Current applicable provisions in catastrophic disaster
- Consideration of issues in prior legislative sessions
- Potential need for appropriations decisions after disaster
- Amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Specifies that substantive provisions cease to be operative not later than 30 days following time provisions are invoked. Allows for extension of 30-day limit if three-fifths of members of each house able to attend session contemplated by provisions approve. Requires bill establishing date provisions cease to be operative. Restricts Governor to one time invocation of measure provisions for same catastrophic disaster. Allows invocation of provisions for different catastrophic disaster.

BACKGROUND: Oregon does not currently have an established plan for legislative succession after a catastrophic disaster. Proposed resolutions for a constitutional amendment have been introduced in prior legislative sessions, but none have been adopted and referred to the voters.