76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 124 A

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Senate Committee on General Government, Consumer and Small Business Protection

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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

Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, George, Monroe, Shields

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes name of Oregon State Fair to Oregon Exposition Center. Changes name of State Fair Advisory Committee to Exposition Center Advisory Committee and amends representation criteria for membership on Committee. Changes name of Oregon State Fair Account to Oregon Exposition Center Account. Changes name of State Fair Capital Project Fund to Exposition Center Capital Project Fund and continuously appropriates moneys from the fund to the Parks and Recreation Department for funding specified projects. Establishes an Exposition Center Event Account and continuously appropriates moneys from the Account to the Department for reinvesting in event revenues. Exempts Oregon Exposition Center from certain public contracting laws. Repeals provisions authorizing specially-appointed peace officers during annual Oregon State Fair event, county fairs and society events. Designates second offense of unlawfully conducting business near grounds of Oregon Exposition Center during Oregon State Fair event as a Class B violation, subject to maximum fine of \$360. Designates offenses of improperly gaining or attempting to gain access to grounds during certain events, and violations of rules or regulations of Oregon Exposition Center, as Class D violations punishable by a maximum fine of \$90. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes references to ORS 279.835 through 279.855 from section 2(2). Adds ORS 279A.050(7) to section 2(2). Specifies that the Department is to adopt rules to implement section 2(3). Adds emergency clause.

BACKGROUND: Oregon's first State Fair is traditionally believed to have taken place in 1858 with a gathering of the Oregon Fruitgrowers Association, which is considered a forerunner of the current State Fair. Following an unsuccessful effort to obtain state funding of premiums in 1860, the first official Oregon State Fair took place in 1861 on four acres of property along the Clackamas River in the Gladstone/Oregon City area and featured horse racing and equestrian events.