

76TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
SENATE FINANCE AND REVENUE COMMITTEE

MEASURE: SB 306 A
CARRIER: Sen. Hass

REVENUE: No Revenue Impact
FISCAL: No Fiscal Impact

Action: Do Pass with Amendments, and be printed A Engrossed
Vote: 4-0-0
Yeas: Hass, Morse, Telfer, Burdick
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/16

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Allows metropolitan service district to establish service district with taxing powers to provide local services.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for amendment to remove reference to votes to form special districts with permanent tax rates in March or September.
- The measure was not intended to add additional months in which the county board of elections may hold an election to form a district with a permanent rate

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: Replaces entire contents of original bill. Modifies provisions relating to elections to form special districts. Changes the dates on which elections to form these districts may be held from the date of the next primary election or general election to the date of the next May or November election. Adds the provision that the election may be held in another month, provided that at least 50 percent of the registered voters eligible to vote in the election cast a ballot.

BACKGROUND: Currently, a county board of elections may hold an election to form a new district with or without a permanent tax rate limit associated with the new district. If a permanent rate limit is added to the district, the election must be held on the date of a primary or general election. If no permanent tax rate limit is proposed with the formation of the new district, the election may be held in March, May, September, or November.