76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 379 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: CONSENT

House Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar

Vote: 8 - 0 - 2

Yeas: Garrett, Hicks, Nolan, Schaufler, Tomei, Wand, Barker, Krieger

Nays: 0

Exc.: Olson, Whisnant

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Meeting Dates: 5/4, 5/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows active members of the Oregon State Bar (the Bar) to file statements of candidacy for positions on the Bar's board of governors and house of delegates. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Signature requirement of little value and provides no meaningful information
- Structure embodied in statute since the 1930s

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 379 comes from the Board of Governors Section of the Oregon State Bar. Currently, candidates for the board of governors and house of delegates are required to submit nominating petitions signed by ten active members. Senate Bill 379 replaces this requirement.