

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Doherty, Johnson, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Richardson, Smith, Thatcher, Vega Pederson, Holvey
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/9, 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Governor to submit report containing certain information regarding boards and commissions to 2014 regular session of Legislative Assembly. Requires Governor to consult with certain members of Legislative Assembly and Secretary of State. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number of existing boards and commissions
- Criticality of Governor’s leadership on this issue
- Scope of issues related to boards and commissions

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: Oregon state government includes more than 250 boards and commissions which exercise diverse levels of authority in virtually every area of state policy. A report issued in June 2012 by the Audits Division of the Office of the Secretary of State highlights a range of concerns about the operations of existing boards and commissions. The audit recommends that the Governor work with the Legislative Assembly and the Department of Administrative Services to “compile a comprehensive listing of boards; clarify or establish laws and practices to better report the efforts and results of all Oregon boards; expand training of board members, specifically in the areas of state rules and internal controls; improve oversight of and by board members, including handling complaints; and consider other states’ strategies and past efforts in Oregon to manage the creation and elimination of boards.”

House Bill 2927 A requires the Governor to report to the 2014 session of the Legislative Assembly on the scope and current practices of boards, commissions, task forces and work groups, as well as recommending improvements. The report may include additional information, such as best practices for establishment, administration and conclusion of boards and commissions.