## 77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Judiciary

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

**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Close, Dingfelder, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/11

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Revises the Oregon Uniform Trust Code. Provides two new definitions of beneficiary. Changes notice requirements to remote beneficiaries. Clarifies who can enter into a non-judicial settlement agreement and the effect of filing the agreement in court. Decreases the time period for filing objections from 120 to 60 days. Clarifies charitable trust distribution. Allows modification of irrevocable trust. Applies abatement rules to trusts. Makes other specified changes to trust administration.

**MEASURE: SB 592 A** 

CARRIER: Sen. Prozanski

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

• Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Applies the abatement rules from probate law to property distributed from a revocable trust. Provides after payment to creditors and expenses of administration, the trustee pays specific gifts (identifiable items), general gifts (like money), and residuary gifts.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 592 is sponsored by the Oregon Law Commission and seeks to balance the interests of beneficiaries with the need for efficient administration of trusts. It allows non-judicial settlement agreements for trust modification, a means for a trustee to get advanced authorization for certain actions after notice to beneficiaries and changes delegation rules, removal and appointment of advisors. The Oregon Uniform Trust Code was overhauled in 2006 and much of the national Uniform Trust Code was adopted at that time.