

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Gallegos, Gelser, Gilliam, Gomberg, Keny-Guyer, Olson, Whisnant, Whitsett, Tomei
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/13, 4/10, 4/15

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates State Office of the Public Guardian and Conservator to provide public guardian and conservator services for persons without relatives or friends willing or able to serve as guardians or conservators. Directs Governor to appoint Public Guardian and Conservator from list of nominees provided by Long Term Care Ombudsman. Prescribes duties and responsibilities of Public Guardian and Conservator and office. Requires office to certify and train deputy public guardians and conservators. Requires office to develop volunteer program and process for eligibility determination of persons to receive services and for needs assessment. Establishes Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Committee. Renames existing offices of public guardian and conservator as county offices of public guardian and conservator.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of Public Guardian and Conservator Task Force
- Recommendations from the Public Guardian and Conservator Task Force
- Elder Abuse Prevention Work Group

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces measure.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2009, House Bill 2883 established the Public Guardian and Conservator Task Force. The Task Force was mandated to review Public Guardianship and provide comprehensive recommendations to the Legislature about Public Guardian and Conservator services in Oregon. Later, in 2011, House Bill 2237 established the Joint Interim Task Force on Public Guardian and Conservator who continued the work of the Task Force originally established in 2009. The passage of House Bill 2671 was included in recommendations from the Task Force December 2012 report. House Bill 2671A mandates additional changes to the Guardianship and Conservatorship code in Oregon, including the creation of a state office of the Public Guardian and Conservator and the Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Committee and for other purposes.