

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Be Adopted
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:	5/21, 5/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs state agencies to prioritize time and other resources to support priorities established in each region by Oregon Solutions Network. Directs state agencies to participate in regional project teams or programs when invited by Governor’s regional coordinators. Directs regional coordinators to invite state agencies to participate once a project or program is implemented.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Process of identifying and prioritizing regional solutions projects
- Collaborative, informal process for resolving problems that rise to a high level of regional interest
- Need for a forum in which all levels of government can discuss issues
- Geographic basis of eleven regional advisory committees
- Anticipation of legislation in future sessions to further define regional solutions program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Solutions Network was officially established by Governor Kitzhaber with Executive Order 11-12, building upon efforts that began with the Oregon Sustainability Act of 2001. The Network’s purpose is to develop collaborative governance for projects identified by an elected official, program director or community leader, and to coordinate participation by all entities party to the initiative. Regional advisory committees provide a forum for state agencies to meet with each other, with local governments, and with public, private and civic interests to collaboratively solve problems.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 4 directs state agencies to support the Governor’s regional coordinators and regional advisory committees to provide technical assistance and to allocate financial resources and investments according to regional priorities. The measure also directs regional coordinators to notify state agencies of implementation of regional priority projects or programs and invite the agencies to participate as members of regional project or program teams. The measure directs agencies to participate when invited.