

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Hoyle, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	6/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Revises and aligns statutory language relating to qualification and maintenance of minor political party. Revises requirement for maintenance of minor political party to include candidate polling at least one percent of total votes cast in electoral district at least once in four-year period.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Maintenance of minor political party status
- Expanding qualification period for minor political party

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Political parties in Oregon must be formed through the Elections Division at the Office of the Secretary of State. The statutory requirements for political party formation are contained in ORS Chapter 248. Minor parties may nominate candidates for office at all levels of government, as long as the minor political party has been established within the electoral district.

Senate Bill 146-A revises certain provisions in Chapter 248, aligning language pertaining to minor political party status. The measure also modifies provisions regarding minor party maintenance to include a minor party candidate polling at least one percent of the total votes cast in an electoral district once in a four-year period.