

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)
Vote:	3 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Ferrioli, Starr, Rosenbaum
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Beyer, Burdick
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Meeting Dates:	2/25, 3/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Legislative Counsel (LC) and Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) to review statute laws and identify those that are outdated, obsolete, or duplicative of other laws. Authorizes LC, in consultation with DOJ, to prepare measures for odd-numbered year regular session to repeal or amend statutes so identified. Requires report explaining reason for statutory modification to accompany each measure and be included in legislative record. Requires required report be distributed to Senators and Representatives and otherwise made available to public at least 90 days prior to start of legislative session at which measure is to be considered. Sunsets on January 2, 2018. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Amendments
- Current process for considering outdated or obsolete statutes
- Limitations on amendments
- Addressing amendment limitations through Senate and House Rules
- Previous efforts to address obsolete or outdated statutes
- Process for identifying and recommending statutes be amended or repealed
- Need for emergency clause

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes limitations on amendments on measures drafted under this Act. Requires required report for prepared measures be distributed to Senators and Representatives and otherwise made available to public at least 90 days prior to start of legislative session at which measure is to be considered.

BACKGROUND: Every session the Office of Legislative Counsel (LC) introduces a “reviser’s bill” to make non-substantive changes to Oregon Law. The measure corrects grammar and punctuation errors; conforms language to existing statute and legislative style; and deletes obsolete references in Oregon law. The reviser’s bill is limited to making correction of erroneous material in Oregon law and does not address statutes that may be outdated, obsolete, or duplicative of other laws.

House Bill 4133-B will allow LC and the Oregon Department of Justice to draft measures, for odd-numbered legislative sessions, to address statutes that are outdated, obsolete, or duplicative of other laws. The measure requires required report for prepared measures be distributed to Senators and Representatives and otherwise made available to public at least 90 days prior to start of legislative session at which measure is to be considered.

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