78th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2015 Regular Session   **MEASURE:** SB 139
PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY   **CARRIER:**
Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

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Meeting Dates:	2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Decreases membership of Oregon Travel Information Council from eleven to nine members. Eliminates requirement for organization that wishes to serve cookies, coffee or other nonalcoholic beverages at roadside rest area to submit request to council sixty days prior to date requested. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Travel Information Council (TIC) is the governing body for the Oregon Travel Experience (OTE). Ten volunteer members are appointed by the Governor and one position represents the Oregon Transportation Commission. These private citizens donate their time to determine rules and policies for OTE programs. Their mission is to create a positive visitor experience by providing directions to destinations, connecting travelers with Oregon's resources, and ensuring safe and convenient travel.

One of the Council's programs is rest area supervision. This program oversees all aspects of rest area operations. The Council is challenged currently when someone drops out of an opportunity to provide coffee and cookie service with less than 60 days' notice, as current law prevents TIC from finding a replacement without violating the law. Additionally, the Council chooses organizations for coffee and cookie service through a lottery process. Many apply at the beginning of the year to be considered for specific dates throughout the year. Senate Bill 139 provides the Council the flexibility to find replacements for these services, particularly at rest areas where the Council has more difficulty getting organizations to volunteer.

Senate Bill 139 also reduces the size of the Council by two members. The Council's size has been deemed to be cumbersome and, when positions are vacant, achieving a quorum can be problematic. The Council currently has two unfilled vacancies.

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