

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/02/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/02

Senate

Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Girod, Thomsen, Riley, Monroe

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Enables Oregon Business Development Department Director to appoint a Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Partnership Advisory Committee to advise and make recommendations to Department regarding Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Partnership and manufacturing and economic development statewide. Directs Department to support Advisory Committee reflecting the South and Mid-Willamette Valley, Mid-Columbia Valley and Portland metropolitan region. Instructs Department to consult with and support partnership by providing financial assistance to entities engaged in manufacturing, identifying qualified investors supporting manufacturing businesses or projects, entering into agreements with higher education institutions and other economic development entities and acting on the behalf of partnership to apply for federal funds designated for manufacturing communities. Requires Department and Advisory Committee to report annually to Legislative Assembly, commencing in 2017.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Collaboration within geographical regions
- Applicability of regional vs. state designations
- Future manufacturing regions within Oregon

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, the Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Partnership (PNMP) was formed in response to federal funds (\$1.3 billion from 10 cabinet departments/agencies) made available through the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP), which aims to accelerate manufacturing in the nation. The PNMP is an alliance of urban and rural communities from the Willamette Valley, Columbia River Gorge and Portland-Vancouver metropolitan economies. The PNMP submitted an application for the IMCP competitive designation in April 2014.