

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Energy and Environment

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/31/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 03/19, 03/31

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Bentz, Boone, Heard, Helm, Holvey, Johnson, Reardon, Vega Pederson, Weidner

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies requirements for composition of boards of directors of regional air quality control authorities.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of Lane Regional Air Protection Agency
- Cities of Oak Ridge and Cottage Grove currently share one position on board

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under ORS 468A.130, a regional air quality control authority may, when authorized by the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC), exercise the functions related to air quality control vested in the EQC and the Department of Environmental Quality. There is currently only one such authority in Oregon: the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency was established in 1968.

Currently, ORS 468A.120 establishes the membership of a board of directors of a regional air quality control authority to consist of not fewer than five and not more than nine members, including one member from a participating city of less than 25,000 that is designated jointly by the governing bodies of participating cities each with less than 25,000 but with a combined population of at least 5,500.

House Bill 3050 would revise the composition of board members of regional air quality control authorities.