

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:**

**Action:**

**Meeting Dates:**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes the Joint Legislative Policy and Research Committee and specifies composition and duties of the Committee. Specifies duties of the Legislative Policy and Research Director and staff to be hired by the Director. Transfers, staff, funds, and specific duties from the Legislative Administration Committee to the Joint Legislative Policy and Research Committee.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2014-15, a bipartisan group of legislators representing the House and Senate participated in several work group meetings with the assistance of outside consultants. The work group examined and discussed models for improving the legislature's policy capacity. Interviews with members and round table discussions with staff also took place. The results, discussion, and several models for consideration were outlined in a report, "Enhancing Independent Policy Research for the Oregon State Legislature." Those findings are the basis for the model that is included in this measure.