

HB 2325 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Marsh

House Committee On Economic Development and Trade

Action Date: 02/27/17

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-0-2-0

Yeas: 7 - Gomberg, Helm, Lininger, Marsh, Post, Reschke, Smith DB

Exc: 2 - Clem, Olson

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes all nine members from the Oregon Travel Information Council (Council) on June 30, 2018. Allows members removed to be reappointed. Modifies terms of the Council members so that no more than three terms expire on same date starting June 30, 2018. Directs the Council members to hire and supervise an executive director.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Operations of Oregon Travel Information Council
- Expiration of terms of six of nine Oregon Travel Information Council members in 2016
- Clarity of statute allowing Oregon Travel Information Council to oversee executive director

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Travel Information Council (Council) is responsible for governing the Oregon Travel Experience agency. The Council is composed of eight volunteers appointed by the Governor and one member of the Oregon Transportation Commission. At least one appointee must reside in each of Oregon's five congressional districts. The Council meets quarterly to fulfill its mission of creating a great visitor experience by providing directions to destinations, connecting travelers with Oregon's resources, and ensuring safe and convenient travel.

House Bill 2325 would modify the terms of the Council members starting June 30, 2018 to ensure no more than three members leave the Council in any one year. The measure would also clarify that the Council is responsible for hiring and supervising the executive director of the Oregon Travel Experience.