

SB 490 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Williamson

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/24/17

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Barker, Gorsek, Greenlick, Olson, Post, Sanchez, Sprenger, Stark, Vial, Williamson

Exc: 1 - Lininger

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Renames executive director of Oregon State Bar as chief executive officer of Oregon State Bar. Removes requirement that bar mail ballots to members. Allows board of governors to impose late payment penalty for delinquent payment of Oregon State Bar membership fees. Eliminates vice president position of board of governors of state bar. Defines role of past president of board of governors. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Emergency clause needed for effective use of new software
- Need for board of governors to determine late fee

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, Oregon law defines the chief administrator of the Oregon State Bar as the executive director. The board of governors has voted to change this title to chief executive officer. Senate Bill 490 makes this change and provides conforming amendments.

SB 490 also eliminates the requirement that ballots be mailed to members of the bar for voting. It now requires that ballots be distributed to members. It also allows the board of governors to impose a late payment penalty when a member is delinquent in the payment of membership fees. Finally, SB 490 eliminates the two vice president positions of the board of governors and defines the role of past president of the board of governors.