

HB 2325 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Monroe

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Action Date: 04/24/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

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

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies the initial terms of office for members of the Travel Information Council to ensure that no more than two terms expire on the same date. Directs Council to hire an executive director, who is to be subject to Council supervision.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Membership of the Travel Information Council
- Measure clarifies authority of Council to hire executive director
- Provides continuity to Council membership

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Specifies that two members serve for a term ending June 30, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

The Travel Information Council (TIC) is a nine-member board, consisting of eight volunteer members appointed by the Governor and one member of the Oregon Transportation Commission, that provides oversight for Oregon Travel Experience (OTE). The Council membership must include at least one individual from each of Oregon's five congressional districts. OTE manages a number of programs that affect the driving public, including: the highway logo sign program (information regarding food, gas and lodging at upcoming exits); the Oregon Heritage Tree program; the Oregon Historical Marker program; and onsite rest area supervision for specified rest areas.

House Bill 2325-A resets the statutory terms of TIC members, beginning in June of 2018, to ensure that no more than two members' terms are up in any one year. The measure also provides statutory authority for the Council to hire and supervise the OTE executive director.