

SB 1501 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 2/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes number of Oregon State Fair Council appointees that represent traditional state fair industries and interests, from between 9 and 13, to between 7 and 11 (which reduces overall Council membership from between 11 and 15, to between 9 and 13 total). Requires local elected officials' membership on Council to terminate when they cease to hold elected office. Limits service to three full or partial, four-year consecutive terms. Requires the Governor to consult with the Council to stagger the expiration of members' terms of service at a rate of three members each year beginning in 2018. Takes effect 91st day after *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Operational history and current governing structure of State Fair
- Success of current structure
- Large council size; difficulty filling vacancies to capacity
- Purpose of staggered terms, to prevent simultaneous loss of all experienced membership
- Approval of affected members

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Fair Council operates and manages the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center. The Council is currently comprised of between 11 and 15 total members that serve four-year terms of office, without limit. Two members are state legislators, one each appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. The remaining 9 to 11 members are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the Governor: one must be an elected city official, one an elected county official, and others must represent the interests of the private sector, the nonprofit sector, economic development, the finance industry, and events and facilities management.

Senate Bill 1501 reduces the total number of Council members by two, terminates the service of local elected officials if they cease to hold public office, limits service on the Council to three full or partial terms, and requires staggered expiration of terms so as to prevent the loss of experienced members all at the same time.