

**SB 1501 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Clem

**House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources**

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**Action Date:** 02/22/18

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 9-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Barreto, Clem, Esquivel, McKeown, McLain, Salinas, Smith DB, Sprenger, Witt

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Changes number of Oregon State Fair Council (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 on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Operational history of the Oregon State Fair
- Successes and challenges of the current Oregon State Fair Council governing structure
- Value of Oregon State Fair to the state

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon State Fair Council (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 any specified 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 would reduce the total number of Council members by two, terminate the service of local elected officials if they cease to hold public office, limit service on the Council to three full or partial terms, and require a staggered expiration of terms so as to prevent the loss of experienced members all at one time.