

## **HB 2284 -1, -2, -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Joint Committee On Transportation**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Changes the name of the Port of Newport to the Oregon International Port of Newport. Directs the Governor to appoint commissioners for staggered two-year terms. Establishes qualifications for commissioners. Allows the Governor to discharge commissioners. Permits current commissioners to complete their term unless discharged by the Governor.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Replaces original measure. Deletes provisions related to designated Board positions for specific industries. Increases term of commissioners from two years to four years. Establishes conditions and procedure for removal of commissioner. Adds provisions related to Board meeting schedule. Directs Governor to designate commissioner as Board president, and directs Board president to designate commissioners as vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. Requires biennial report from Board to Legislative Assembly.

-2 Replaces original measure. Deletes provisions related to designated Board positions for specific industries. Increases term of commissioners from two years to four years. Establishes conditions and procedure for removal of commissioner. Adds provisions related to Board meeting schedule. Directs Governor to designate commissioner as Board president, and directs Board president to designate commissioners as vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. Requires biennial report from Board to Legislative Assembly. Directs that measure be submitted to electors of the Port of Newport for approval or rejection at next primary election.

-3 Replaces original measure. Deletes provisions related to designated Board positions for specific industries.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In 1910 the Port of Newport district was formed and in 1948 a private company sunk two concrete barges at McLean Point to serve as wharves, which allowed for cargo handling. From the 1950s through the 1970s, private companies operated the terminal until 1982, when the Port issued General Obligation bonds to purchase the terminal. The Port officially began managing the terminal in 1995. Today the Port encompasses about 59 square miles and has an estimated population of over 10,000 people. The Newport International Terminal supports commercial fishing fleets, cargo ship operations, research, and tourism activities. The Port of Newport now includes a marina, RV park, a public boat ramp, and hosts annual events such as the City of Newport's 4th of July fireworks and the Annual Microbrew Festival.

The Port of Newport currently has five members who are responsible for setting policies and establishing a strategic direction for the Port. Oregon statute (ORS 777.925) allows the Governor to appoint commissioners for four-year terms upon the expiration of the term of a commissioner. House Bill 2284 renames the Port of Newport to the Oregon International Port of Newport. The measure authorizes the Governor to discharge commissioners, appoint commissioners for staggered two-year terms, and allows current commissioners to complete their term unless discharged by the Governor. The measure also sets qualifications for commissioners.