

# Senate Bill 518

Sponsored by Senator BENTZ (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Provides that members of Oregon Transportation Commission are entitled to annual compensation of \$20,000.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to compensation of members of Oregon Transportation Commission; amending ORS 184.612.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** ORS 184.612 is amended to read:

184.612. (1) There is established the Oregon Transportation Commission consisting of five members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate pursuant to section 4, Article III, Oregon Constitution. A member serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

(2) The Governor shall appoint members of the commission in compliance with all of the following:

(a) Members shall be appointed with consideration of the different geographic regions of the state with one member being a resident of the area east of the Cascade Range.

(b) Not more than three members who belong to one political party. Party affiliation shall be determined by the appropriate entry on official election registration cards.

(3) At the time of appointment, a member may not have any direct or indirect financial or fiduciary interest related to the commission's duties. If a conflict arises after a member's appointment, the member shall declare the conflict and abstain from deliberations and voting on the matter under consideration by the commission.

(4) The term of office of each member is four years. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor whose term begins on July 1 next following. A member is eligible for reappointment. In case of a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall appoint a person to fill the office for the unexpired term.

(5) The Governor shall appoint one of the members as chairperson. The chairperson shall appoint one of the other members as vice chairperson. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall have such terms, duties and powers as the Oregon Transportation Commission determines are necessary for the performance of such offices.

(6) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum. If a quorum is present at a meeting, the commission may take action by an affirmative vote by a majority of the members who are present. An individual member may not exercise individually any administrative authority with respect to the Department of Transportation.

(7) The commission shall meet at least quarterly, at a time and place determined by the commission. The commission shall also meet at such other times and places as are specified by the call

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 of the chairperson or of a majority of the commission.

2 (8) A vacancy does not impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all the powers  
3 of the commission, except that three members of the commission must agree in the selection, vaca-  
4 tion or abandonment of state highways, and in case the members are unable to agree the Governor  
5 shall have the right to vote as a member of the commission.

6 (9) The commission shall keep complete and accurate records of all the meetings, transactions  
7 and business of the commission at the office of the department.

8 (10) The commission may provide an official seal.

9 (11) The commission may hire staff the commission deems necessary to assist the commission in  
10 carrying out its duties. The staff shall be considered employees of the department for purposes of  
11 the State Personnel Relations Law under ORS chapter 240.

12 *[(12) A member of the commission is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided by ORS*  
13 *292.495.]*

14 **(12) A member of the commission is entitled to compensation of \$20,000 annually.**

15 **(13) A member of the commission is entitled to reimbursement for expenses as provided**  
16 **by ORS 292.495.**

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