

HB 2985 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Gelser

Joint Committee On Transportation

Action Date: 03/25/21

Action: Do pass.

Senate Vote

Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Findley, Frederick, Gorsek

House Vote

Yeas: 6 - Boshart Davis, Evans, Lewis, McLain, Nathanson, Power

Exc: 1 - Noble

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/25, 3/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Transportation to ensure that membership in advisory committees reflects the racial, ethnic, and ability composition of Oregon as determined by the most recent American Community Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Value provided by including disability rights advocates on advisory committees
- Examples of advisory committees where representation would be most important
- Department would likely make appointments as vacancies arise
- Differences between technical advisory committees and public advisory committees

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) operates a number of advisory committees to provide input to both ODOT and the Oregon Transportation Commission on a variety of issues and projects related to transportation. Membership in these groups is generally determined by the department, though some have statutory membership requirements that may include geographical location, party affiliation, or organizational affiliation.

House Bill 2985 directs ODOT to ensure that membership in its advisory committees reflects the racial, ethnic, and ability composition of Oregon, as determined by the most recent American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau.