

Senate Bill 527

Sponsored by Senator GIROD; Senator FINDLEY (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Prohibits member of Legislative Assembly from service on Joint Committee on Ways and Means, subcommittee of Joint Committee on Ways and Means or Emergency Board if member, relative of member or business with which member or relative is associated enters into contracts with State of Oregon for provision of goods or services to state, including capital construction.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to qualifications for service on legislative budget committees; amending ORS 171.555 and
3 291.330; and prescribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 171.555 is amended to read:

6 171.555. (1)(a) Upon election, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives shall appoint a Joint Committee on Ways and Means. At least two of the members ap-
8 pointed from each house shall have had previous experience on the Joint Committee on Ways and
9 Means. If the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate is a member,
10 either may designate from time to time an alternate from among the members of the respective
11 house to exercise powers as a member of the committee except that the alternate shall not preside
12 if the Speaker or President is chair. The President of the Senate shall appoint one cochair for the
13 joint committee and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one cochair for the
14 joint committee. The cochairs of the joint committee shall alternate as presiding officers.

15 **(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, a member of the Legislative As-**
16 **sembly may not serve on the Joint Committee on Ways and Means or a subcommittee of the**
17 **Joint Committee on Ways and Means if the member, a relative of the member or a business**
18 **with which the member or relative is associated is a party to a contract with the State of**
19 **Oregon for the provision of goods or services to the state, including but not limited to capital**
20 **construction projects. The definitions in ORS 244.020 apply to this paragraph.**

21 (2) The cochairs of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means are authorized to cause to be in-
22 vestigated, either through the whole of the committee or by a selected subcommittee, any complaints
23 about the management or conduct of any of the state institutions, departments, officers or activities
24 for the support of which state money has been appropriated, or for which appropriations may here-
25 after be made.

26 (3) The Joint Committee on Ways and Means may not transact business unless a quorum is
27 present. A quorum consists of a majority of committee members from the House of Representatives
28 and a majority of committee members from the Senate.

29 (4) Action by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means requires the affirmative vote of a ma-
30 jority of committee members from the House of Representatives and a majority of committee mem-

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 bers from the Senate.

2 **SECTION 2.** ORS 291.330 is amended to read:

3 291.330. (1) The Emergency Board shall be composed of the President of the Senate, the Speaker
4 of the House of Representatives, the chairpersons of the Senate and House Ways and Means Com-
5 mittees, eight other members of the Senate, at least four of whom shall have had some previous
6 experience on the Ways and Means Committee, to be appointed by the President of the Senate and
7 confirmed by a majority of all the members elected to the Senate, and eight other members of the
8 House, at least four of whom shall have had some previous experience on the Ways and Means
9 Committee, to be appointed by the Speaker and confirmed by a majority of all the members elected
10 to the House.

11 **(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a member of the Legislative Assembly**
12 **may not serve on the Emergency Board if the member, a relative of the member or a busi-**
13 **ness with which the member or relative is associated is a party to a contract with the State**
14 **of Oregon for the provision of goods or services to the state, including but not limited to**
15 **capital construction projects. The definitions in ORS 244.020 apply to this subsection.**

16 **SECTION 3.** This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021
17 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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