

**SB 661 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Rules**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/28, 3/21

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Prohibits lobbyist from serving as chairperson of interim committee, legislative work group or legislative task force. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-2 Replaces the measure. Prohibits lobbyist from serving as chairperson of interim committee, legislative work group, or legislative task force staffed by nonpartisan staff of the legislative department. Excludes public official who lobbies from prohibition.

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 171.635 and ORS 171.640 allow the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint individuals, other than members of the Legislative Assembly, to serve on interim committees, and to appoint a chairperson.

Task Force membership is delineated in enabling legislation, and work group membership does not require legislation.

Senate Bill 661 prohibits a lobbyist from being appointed as the chairperson of an interim committee by the Senate President or the Speaker of the House of Representatives and prohibits a lobbyist from serving as a chairperson on work groups and legislative task forces.