

## **SB 1531 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Rules**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/6

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

The measure creates the America 250 Oregon Commission (Commission) and specifies membership of the Commission. The measure also establishes that the Commission will coordinate and provide guidance for Oregon's official observance of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States. The measure outlines procedures for the Commission and activities the Commission may engage in. The measure requires the Oregon Historical Society to provide staff support to the Commission and requires the Commission to report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to historical commemorations by September 15th of each year. Sunsets on January 2, 2028. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

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

-1 The amendment specifies that membership of the America 250 Oregon Commission (Commission) will consist of 27 members instead of 25. It authorizes the Governor to appoint 13 members to the Commission instead of 12 by expanding representation of the public at large from five to six. The final additional member added to the Commission by the amendment serves ex officio and is the Executive Officer of the Commission on Indian Services or designee. The amendment specifies activities the Commission must engage in. The amendment also establishes the America 250 Oregon Subcommittee (Subcommittee) within the Commission on Indian Services. The amendment specifies the purpose and membership of the subcommittee. The amendment sunsets the Committee and Subcommittee on January 2, 2028.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

The United States Semiquincentennial will be the 250th anniversary of the 1776 Declaration of Independence. The 250th anniversary will occur in 2026. There is a United States Semiquincentennial Commission with members appointed by Congress.

The Oregon Historical Society is a non-profit and Oregon maintains a state policy to contribute state aid for operation of the society. The Oregon Historical Society is required to advise the Department of Transportation on acquisition, development, and operation of historic places.

Senate Bill 1531 creates the America 250 Oregon Commission.