

74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee on Energy and the Environment

MEASURE: HB 3244 A
CARRIER:

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

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| Action: | Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference |
| Vote: | 6 - 1 - 0 |
| Yeas: | Beyer, Cannon, Jenson, Macpherson, Smith G., Dingfelder |
| Nays: | Burley |
| Exc.: | - |
| Prepared By: | Cat McGinnis, Administrator |
| Meeting Dates: | 3/26, 3/28 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Sustainability Board. Establishes membership, term limits, decision-making model and meeting frequency. Directs board to encourage activities that sustain, protect and enhance Oregon's environment, economy and community. Authorizes board to accept grants. Creates the Sustainability Board Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in the fund to the board. Requires biennial report to Legislature. Effective July, 1, 2009, authorizes board to appoint a director subject to Senate confirmation, and authorizes director to appoint subordinates and adopt rules governing board operations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Board inclusion of rural, agricultural, and timber industry representatives
- Board focus on economic sustainability, particularly in small rural communities
- Sustainability Board interaction with other state boards
- Future fiscal impact of authority to appoint director and staff
- Request for biennial updates to House Energy and Environment Committee regarding board activities
- Accomplishments of the board

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

- Revises duties of board to include recommending or proposing legislation and regulatory changes
- Corrects language relating to deposit of funds into the Sustainability Board Fund

BACKGROUND: The Sustainability Board was created as an eight member board under the 2001 Oregon Sustainability Act (HB 3948), which sunset on January 2, 2006. The act authorized the Board to appoint a director and authorized the director to appoint staff, but no positions have been funded. A 2003 executive order directed the board to review state agency sustainability plans. Upon sunset of the act in January 2006, an executive order reconstituted the Sustainability Board, this time as an 11 member board.

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