75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

 REVENUE: No revenue impact

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 Action:
 Do Pass

 Vote:
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 Yeas:
 Atkinson, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder

 Nays:
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 Exc.:
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 Meeting Dates:
 3/31

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

SB 663

Sen. Atkinson

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes the method for filling a vacancy on a board of directors of an irrigation district. Requires that if the office of director becomes vacant the remaining directors must appoint a resident of Oregon, who owns land located in the district, or division of the district, to replace the director until the next annual meeting following an election. Requires the electors of the district, or division of the district, to elect a successor to the appointed director to take office at the next annual meeting following the election.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Process for dividing a district
- Direction for irrigation districts
- Irrigation districts have been relying on statutes for special districts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Irrigation districts are considered local governments, and follow their own statutes for the conduct of their elections, including the nomination and election of their boards of directors. However, when a vacancy occurs irrigation districts have generally been relying on statutes that direct special districts, ORS 198.320. SB 663 uses the generally accepted language and applies it to irrigation district election law.

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