

House Committee On Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/17/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 02/13, 04/17

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Gallegos, Hayden, Johnson, McKeown, Nearman, Read, Reardon, Whisnant, Williamson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes membership of Oregon Innovation Council. Requires council to establish audit and accountability committee to monitor performance of council contracts. Revises responsibilities and reporting requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background of Oregon Innovation Council
- Need for changes in structure and council membership
- Desire to codify audit and accountability committee
- Public reporting measuring contracts against performance metrics

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Innovation Council (Oregon InC) is a public-private partnership that funds individual initiatives with the potential to build or coalesce industry clusters around new or emerging technology in specific areas where Oregon holds unique advantages. In recent biennia, those clusters have included: nanotechnology; clean tech and green building; bioscience; wave energy; electric vehicles; unmanned aerial systems; and, digital storytelling.

House Bill 2288-A makes changes to Oregon InC's structure, membership and reporting to better align with the current and future needs of the state.