

SB 63 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 5/7, 5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases maximum term of office for a member of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission from one full four-year term to two full four-year terms.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

Senate Vote: Ayes, 28; Excused, 2.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Expiration of member terms
- Loss of expertise and institutional knowledge
- Secretary of State audit recommendation

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGE), which administers and enforces Oregon's government ethics laws, lobby regulation laws, and the executive session provisions of Oregon's public meetings laws, consists of nine members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate. Members serve four year terms and may not serve more than one full term. Senate Bill 63 extends that term limit to two full four-year terms.