

HB 2325 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 2/22, 3/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits the Oregon State Bar Board of Governors to elect a non-attorney board member as its president or president-elect.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Membership makeup of the Board of Governors
- Professional backgrounds of non-attorney members
- Eligibility for president or president-elect of Board is set in statute
- Process for nomination selection of president and president-elect
- Role of the Board president

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Bar Board of Governors ("Board") is comprised of 15 attorney members and four non-attorney members, as proscribed by ORS 9.025. ORS 9.060 requires that the Board elect an attorney board member as the Board's president or president-elect. The Board of Governors voted to expand eligibility for the position to include board members who are not attorneys.

House Bill 2325 permits the Oregon State Bar Board of Governors to elect a non-attorney board member as president or president-elect of the Board.