

SB 1095 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 5/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides guidance for transition of membership for boards and commissions whose governing body is based in whole, or in part, on congressional districts, to account for increase in congressional districts due to reapportionment, from five districts to six districts. Adjusts number of legislative assembly reapportionment public hearings required, to extent possible, during reapportionment process, after plan is developed and before plan is adopted, from five to six. Adjusts membership of certain boards and commissions whose governing body membership is based in whole or part on congressional districts, to account for increase in congressional districts. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Makes changes to membership requirements of State Fish and Wildlife Commission. Changes reference of Senate confirmation authority of Governor appointments from Oregon Constitution to statute. Changes membership composition from one member appointed from each Congressional District in Oregon to one member from each regional river basin management area. Adds membership knowledge requirement of understanding roles of federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon and their relationships with lands, waters, and natural resources of which commission governs. Removes specific experience requirement of natural resources, commercial or recreational fishing, hunting, agriculture, forestry, and conservation, and replaces it with knowledge or experience relevant to implementing wildlife policy.

BACKGROUND:

Every ten years, the Legislative Assembly must redraw legislative and congressional district lines based on data from the decennial United States Census. The new district lines must comply with United States Constitution, the Oregon Constitution, as well as federal and state statute. Due to Oregon's population growth between 2010 and 2020, Oregon was apportioned a sixth congressional district.

Many state boards and commission have a portion of their membership based on the number of congressional districts, which means that these boards and commission currently do not have representation from the sixth congressional district.

Senate Bill 1095 adjusts the membership of boards and commissions whose governing body is based in whole, or in part, on congressional districts, to account for the increase in congressional districts, due to reapportionment.