

Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 661**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 7 through 31 and delete page
2 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 2. (1) A lobbyist may not serve as the chairperson of a**
4 **legislative work group or legislative task force that is staffed by non-**
5 **partisan staff of the legislative department, as defined in ORS 174.114.**

6 **“(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to a chairperson**
7 **who is a public official who lobbies.**

8 **“SECTION 3. ORS 171.635 is amended to read:**

9 “171.635. Provision may be made, in the joint resolution creating an in-
10 terim committee, for the appointment to the committee of individuals other
11 than members of the Legislative Assembly. **A lobbyist, as defined in ORS**
12 **171.725, may not serve as the chairperson of an interim committee,**
13 **except that a public official who lobbies may serve as the chairperson**
14 **of an interim committee.**

15 **“SECTION 4. ORS 171.640 is amended to read:**

16 “171.640. (1) As used in this section:

17 “(a) ‘Appointing authority’ means the President of the Senate or the
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives, subject to the rules of the respec-
19 tive bodies over which each presides.

20 “(b) ‘Interim committee’ includes any committee of three or more members
21 of the Legislative Assembly appointed pursuant to the provisions of this

1 section to pursue the functions described in ORS 171.610, whether the ap-
2 pointing authority designates the committee an interim committee, task
3 force, special committee or any other term customarily used in describing
4 legislative committees functioning during the interim period.

5 “(2) Upon or during the interim following adjournment of a regular ses-
6 sion of the Legislative Assembly, the appointing authorities may appoint in-
7 terim committees of members of the house over which the particular
8 authority presides, or members of both houses, and may assign the general
9 topic of study or concern to the committee.

10 “(3)(a) The appointing authorities may appoint members of the public to
11 an interim committee. The appointing authorities must consult with each
12 other before appointing members of the public to a joint interim committee.
13 The appointing authority may appoint the chairperson of an interim com-
14 mittee, **except that the appointing authority may not appoint a**
15 **lobbyist, as defined in ORS 171.725, as the chairperson of an interim**
16 **committee or joint interim committee.**

17 “(b) **Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, an appoint-**
18 **ing authority may appoint a public official who lobbies as the chair-**
19 **person of an interim committee or joint interim committee.**

20 “(c) An appointing authority must notify the Legislative Administration
21 Committee in writing of the appointment and membership of all interim
22 committees created.

23 “(4) An interim committee created under authority of this section is sub-
24 ject to the provisions of ORS 171.605 to 171.635 and has the authority con-
25 tained in ORS 171.505 and 171.510. An interim committee created under
26 authority of this section may file its written report at any time within 30
27 days after its final meeting, or at such later time as the appointing authority
28 or, in the case of a joint committee, as the appointing authorities may des-
29 ignate.

30 “(5) An appointing authority may employ the persons that the appointing

1 authority considers necessary to perform the function of the interim com-
2 mittees created under authority of this section. The appointing authority
3 shall fix the duties and amounts of compensation of employees. Interim
4 committees shall use the services of permanent legislative staff to the
5 greatest extent practical.

6 “(6) Members of the Legislative Assembly are entitled to an allowance
7 as authorized by law for each day that they are engaged in interim commit-
8 tee business that is approved by the appointing authority. Claims for ex-
9 penses incurred in performing functions of an interim committee shall be
10 paid out of funds appropriated for the expenses of the Legislative Assembly.

11 **“SECTION 5. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the**
12 **date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative**
13 **Assembly adjourns sine die.”**

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