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Bill Title: Relating to vacancies in the United States Senate.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Office of the Governor, Secretary of State, Association of County Clerks

Summary of Fiscal Impact

There is an indeterminate impact for the office of the Secretary of State and Association of County Clerks- see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

This measure requires that if there is a vacancy for one of Oregon’s U.S. Senators that occurs within 62 days before the general election, and the term of office is not regularly filled at the election, then the Governor is to call a special election to fill the vacancy between 80 and 150 days after the vacancy occurred. Previously, this special election was to be done as soon as practicable after the general election.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is currently indeterminate. Should a vacancy for one of Oregon’s U.S. Senators occur, a special election to fill the vacancy may be required. The Secretary of State would need to reimburse counties for the costs of the election and would also incur administrative costs related to the printing and mailing of the voters’ pamphlet. The Secretary of State would need to return during a subsequent legislative session or a meeting of the Emergency Board to request funds to cover the actual costs incurred if the election is held.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2025.