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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act would set up a sister state committee for Oregon and Ireland. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).

Creates the Oregon-Ireland Sister State Committee.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to a sister state committee for Oregon and Ireland.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon-Ireland Sister State Committee is created consisting of the following members:

(a) The President of the Senate as an ex officio member and cochairperson of the committee;

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives as an ex officio member and cochairperson of the committee;

(c) Two members of the Senate who are not members of the same political party, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(d) Two members of the House of Representatives who are not members of the same political party, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(e) Four members representing Oregon's business community, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(f) Four members representing Oregon's business community, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(g)(A) One former member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, and one former member of the House of Repre-

1 **sentatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;**
2 **or**

3 **(B) If one of the potential appointees described in subparagraph (A)**
4 **of this paragraph is not available, two former members of the Legis-**
5 **lative Assembly, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and**
6 **the Speaker of the House of Representatives;**

7 **(h) Two public members, appointed by the President of the Senate;**

8 **(i) Two public members, appointed by the Speaker of the House of**
9 **Representatives; and**

10 **(j) If the cochairpersons agree, one elected state official, appointed**
11 **jointly by the cochairpersons.**

12 **(2) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of**
13 **Representatives may each designate an alternate from time to time**
14 **from among the members of their respective chambers to exercise**
15 **powers as a member of the Oregon-Ireland Sister State Committee**
16 **when the President or Speaker is not in attendance at a committee**
17 **meeting, except that an alternate may not preside over a committee**
18 **meeting in place of the President or Speaker.**

19 **(3) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of**
20 **Representatives shall jointly select one of the members appointed un-**
21 **der subsection (1)(e) or (f) of this section to be executive director to**
22 **plan for and coordinate activities under section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

23 **(4)(a) A member of the Legislative Assembly appointed under sub-**
24 **section (1)(c) or (d) of this section serves at the pleasure of the ap-**
25 **pointing authority and may continue to serve as long as the member**
26 **remains in the chamber of the Legislative Assembly from which the**
27 **member was appointed.**

28 **(b) Before the expiration of the legislative term of office of a**
29 **member appointed under subsection (1)(c) or (d) of this section, the**
30 **appointing authority shall appoint a successor whose term on the**
31 **committee begins when the former member's legislative term of office**

1 ends.

2 (c) If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection
3 (1)(c) or (d) of this section for any other cause, the appointing au-
4 thority shall make an appointment to become effective immediately.

5 (5)(a) The term of office of committee members appointed under
6 subsection (1)(e) to (j) of this section is two years.

7 (b) A member appointed under subsection (1)(e) to (j) of this section
8 is eligible for reappointment.

9 (c) If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection
10 (1)(e) to (j) of this section before the expiration of the term, the ap-
11 pointing authority shall make an appointment to become effective
12 immediately for the unexpired term.

13 (6)(a) The cochairpersons of the Oregon-Ireland Sister State Com-
14 mittee shall preside alternately at meetings of the committee.

15 (b) Members may attend committee meetings in person or by tele-
16 phone, video or other electronic or virtual means.

17 (c) The committee may hold one or two meetings per calendar year.

18 (7) A majority of the members of the Oregon-Ireland Sister State
19 Committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

20 (8) Members of the Legislative Assembly who are members of the
21 Oregon-Ireland Sister State Committee are entitled to a per diem as
22 provided in ORS 171.072 except when members are out of the United
23 States.

24 (9) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide ad-
25 ministrative staff support for one meeting of the Oregon-Ireland Sister
26 State Committee held before each visit described in section 2 (2) of this
27 2025 Act and for one meeting held after each visit.

28 SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon-Ireland Sister State Committee estab-
29 lished under section 1 of this 2025 Act may:

30 (a) Organize activities for and host visiting delegations from
31 Ireland;

1 **(b) Organize activities for and participate in delegations visiting**
2 **Ireland;**

3 **(c) Provide for the exchange of information between the State of**
4 **Oregon and Ireland;**

5 **(d) Work with representatives of Ireland on joint projects; and**

6 **(e) Take all actions necessary to coordinate and promote Oregon**
7 **exports to Ireland and Irish investments within Oregon.**

8 **(2) The Oregon-Ireland Sister State Committee may visit Ireland**
9 **at least biennially for the purpose of fulfilling the objectives described**
10 **in subsection (1) of this section.**

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