

HB 2269 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Lewis

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Action Date: 03/25/25

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-2-0

Yeas: 5 - Boice, Grayber, Lewis, Tran, Watanabe

Exc: 2 - Evans, Skarlatos

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/18, 3/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure amends and adds to statutes related to the Oregon Capitol Foundation and closes the Oregon State Capitol Foundation Operating Fund and the Oregon Capitol History Gateway Fund.

Detailed Summary

- Allows the Senate President and Speaker of the House to each appoint no more than three voting directors.
- Allows voting directors to appoint remaining voting directors.
- Allows for appointments for director vacancies and for six months prior to director vacancies.
- Allows for the replacement of the Chair with a majority of the voting directors.
- Allows the foundation to make recommendations within their duties, without first consulting a committee of the Legislative Administration Committee (LAC).
- Removes the requirement that the foundation advise and educate in relation to changes in adopted policies of the LAC.
- Changes auditing requirements of the foundation from annually to biennially; removes requirement that the foundation send the audit to the LAC.
- Removes the delegation of contracting authority from the foundation to the LAC.
- Confirms quorum of the foundation includes voting directors.
- Removes the requirement that directors or nonvoting members of both the foundation and the LAC are not entitled to mileage expenses or a per diem and serve as volunteers on the foundation.
- Removes the requirement that the Legislative Administrator provides a meeting location and staff support for the foundation.
- Allows the Legislative Administrator to solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations for the foundation.
- Repeals statutes related to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation Operating Fund and the Oregon Capitol History Gateway Fund; transfers any remaining funds to the foundation.
- Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Concern about annual audit cost
- Concerns about number of legislative members on the board and their ability to attend meetings during session

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes the provision that the Senate President and Speaker of the House shall each appoint two voting directors; adds language to allow the Senate President and Speaker of the House to each appoint no more than three voting directors.

BACKGROUND:

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

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The Oregon State Capitol Foundation was founded by statute (Senate Bill 1220) in 1997 under the Oregon State Legislature's Legislative Administration Committee. The foundation became an official 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2015, and its mission is to preserve the State Capitol, share its history and engage Oregonians in democracy.