

**SB 47 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****Carrier:** Sen. Jama**Senate Committee On Rules****Action Date:** 04/02/25**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 5-0-0-0**Yeas:** 5 - Bonham, Golden, Jama, Manning Jr, Thatcher**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Leslie Porter, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 2/17, 4/2**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure eliminates the Spinal Cord Injury Research Board and Spinal Cord Injury Research Fund, Employee Suggestion Awards Commission, JOBS Plus Advisory Board, Poison Prevention Task Force, Family Services Review Commission, Mental Health Advisory Board, and Disability Issues Advisory Committee. It also eliminates the Task Force on Resolution of Adverse Health Care Incidents and transfers its duties to the Oregon Patient Safety Commission. The measure adds a definition for "person with a disability" to the statutes governing Local Advisory Committees under Mental Health Diversion Programs.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- The improved efficiency of the boards and commissions system by eliminating obsolete entities
- The Secretary of State's review of boards and commissions, and the frequency of its reviews
- The process for developing the proposed list
- Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

The amendment does five things. It maintains Oregon Community Power and eliminates the Family Services Review Commission and references to the Commission and eliminates the Mental Health Advisory Board and Disability Issues Advisory Committee. It adds a definition for "person with a disability" to the statutes governing Local Advisory Committees under Mental Health Diversion Programs and renumbers the sections accordingly.

**BACKGROUND:****Spinal Cord Injury Research Board**

The board has 11 members, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. It may issue grants from the Spinal Cord Injury Research Fund to organizations to conduct research programs focusing on the treatment and cure of spinal cord injury. It must provide a biennial report to the Governor and Legislative Assembly summarizing the statutes of appropriated funds.

**Oregon Community Power (OCP)**

OCP is a publicly owned utility with a mission to provide reliable, low-cost electricity to consumers. It is regulated by the Public Utility Commission and is governed by a board of seven directors, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

**Employee Suggestion Awards Commission**

The commission has seven members who are appointed by the Governor. It formulates, establishes, and maintains an employee suggestion program designed to encourage and reward commendable state employees, with the goal of promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of state government.

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### **Jobs Plus Advisory Board**

The board advises the Department of Human Services about the JOBS Plus Program. It has seven members who are appointed by the Governor. The JOBS Plus Program is charged with increasing the employability of unemployed and underemployed Oregonians through on-the-job training through public-private partnerships, with the goal of helping people transition from dependence on public assistance to regular employment.

### **Poison Prevention Task Force**

The Task Force is part of the Poison Center of the Oregon Health and Science University. It has five members, including three appointed by the Governor. It is charged with reviewing, granting, or denying requests for exemptions and extensions of certain household poison control requirements. It also obtains and evaluates statewide poisoning incidence and severity data every two years.

### **Task Force on Resolution of Adverse Health Care Incidents**

The Task Force has 14 members who are appointed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor. It is charged with evaluating the implementation and effects of statutes concerning the resolution of adverse health care incidents, and reporting to the Legislative Assembly.

### **Family Services Review Commission**

The commission has up to 16 members who are appointed by the Governor. It is charged with advising and consulting with the Director of the Human Services Department on issues affecting the experience and equitable attainment of successful outcomes for families and individuals seeking stability and self-sufficiency through the department's programs.

### **Mental Health Advisory Board and Disability Issues Advisory Committee**

The board has 15 to 20 members, appointed by the Director of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), with the approval of the Governor. It is primarily charged with assisting OHA in planning and preparing administrative rules for the assumption of responsibility for psychiatric care in state and community mental health programs. The committee makes recommendations to the board.