

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 961

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- 1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 30.
- 2 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 36 and insert:
- 3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon-Ireland Sister State Committee is created.**
- 4 **“(2) The committee consists of nine members appointed as follows:**
- 5 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one nonvoting member from among**
- 6 **members of the Senate.**
- 7 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one nonvoting member**
- 8 **from among members of the House of Representatives.**
- 9 **“(c) The Governor shall appoint seven members, including at least one member repre-**
- 10 **senting each of:**
- 11 **“(A) An Oregon institution of higher education;**
- 12 **“(B) A statewide trade organization;**
- 13 **“(C) Urban interests in this state; and**
- 14 **“(D) Rural or agricultural interests in this state.**
- 15 **“(3)(a) A member of the Legislative Assembly appointed under subsection (2)(a) or (b) of**
- 16 **this section serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority and may continue to serve as**
- 17 **long as the member remains in the chamber of the Legislative Assembly from which the**
- 18 **member was appointed.**
- 19 **“(b) Before the expiration of the legislative term of office of a member appointed under**
- 20 **subsection (2)(a) or (b) of this section, the appointing authority shall appoint a successor**
- 21 **whose term on the committee begins when the former member’s legislative term of office**
- 22 **ends.**
- 23 **“(c) If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection (2)(a) or (b) of this**
- 24 **section for any other cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become**
- 25 **effective immediately.**
- 26 **“(4)(a) The term of office of committee members appointed under subsection (2)(c) of this**
- 27 **section is two years.**
- 28 **“(b) A member appointed under subsection (2)(c) of this section is eligible for reappoint-**
- 29 **ment.**
- 30 **“(c) If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection (2)(c) of this section**
- 31 **before the expiration of the term, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to**
- 32 **become effective immediately for the unexpired term.**
- 33 **“(5)(a) The committee may hold one or two meetings per calendar year.**
- 34 **“(b) Members may attend committee meetings in person or by telephone, video or other**
- 35 **electronic or virtual means.**

1 **“(6) A majority of the members of the Oregon-Ireland Sister State Committee constitutes**
2 **a quorum for the transaction of business.**

3 **“(7) Official action by the committee requires the approval of a majority of the voting**
4 **members of the committee.**

5 **“(8) The committee shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

6 **“(9) Members of the Legislative Assembly who are members of the Oregon-Ireland Sister**
7 **State Committee are entitled to a per diem as provided in ORS 171.072 except when members**
8 **are out of the United States.**

9 **“(10) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide administrative staff**
10 **support for one meeting of the Oregon-Ireland Sister State Committee held before each visit**
11 **described in section 2 (2) of this 2025 Act and for one meeting held after each visit.”.**

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