

SSB 5806 - H AMD 446

By Representative Wylie

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1 Beginning on page 6, line 26, strike all of subsection (2) and
2 insert the following:

3 "(2)(a) The joint Oregon-Washington legislative action committee
4 is established, with sixteen members as provided in this subsection:

5 (i) The speaker and minority leader of the house of
6 representatives of each state shall jointly appoint four members, two
7 from each of the two largest caucuses of their state's house of
8 representatives.

9 (ii) The majority leader and minority leader of the senate of
10 each state shall jointly appoint four members, two from each of the
11 two largest caucuses of their state's senate.

12 (b) The legislative action committee shall choose its cochairs
13 from among its membership, one each from the senate and the house of
14 representatives of both states.

15 (c) Executive agencies, including the departments of
16 transportation and the transportation commissions, shall cooperate
17 with the committee and provide information and other assistance as
18 the cochairs may reasonably request.

19 (d) Staff support for the legislative action committee must be
20 provided by the Washington house of representatives office of program
21 research, Washington senate committee services, and, contingent upon
22 the acceptance by the legislature of the state of Oregon of the
23 invitation in subsection (1) of this section to participate in the
24 legislative action committee, the Oregon legislative policy and
25 research office.

26 (e) Legislative members of the legislative action committee are
27 reimbursed for travel expenses. For Washington legislative members,
28 this reimbursement must be in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.

29 (f) The expenses of the legislative action committee must be paid
30 jointly by both states' senate and house of representatives. In
31 Washington, committee expenditures are subject to approval by the
32 senate facilities and operations committee and the house of

1 representatives executive rules committee, or their successor
2 committees.

3 (g) Each meeting of the legislative action committee must allow
4 an opportunity for public comment. Legislative action committee
5 meetings must be scheduled and conducted in accordance with the
6 requirements of both the senate and the house of representatives of
7 both states."

EFFECT: Makes the following changes to the Legislative Action
Committee (Committee):

(1) Requires the speaker and minority leader of the house of
representatives of both states to jointly appoint members of the
Committee.

(2) Requires state agencies to provide reasonable technical
support to the Committee.

(3) Adds Oregon legislative staff to the staff groups that must
provide support to the Committee, if the Oregon Legislature accepts
the invitation to participate in the Committee.

(4) Clarifies that only Washington members of the Committee will
be reimbursed in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.

(5) Requires the Committee to schedule and conduct meetings in
accordance with the requirements of the legislatures of both states.

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