

# Senate Bill 16

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## SUMMARY

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Establishes, at request of legislator, sister state committee for sister state relationship in which Oregon participates. Permits each committee to promote sister state relationship, to host visiting delegations and to organize delegations to visit sister state.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to sister state committees.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Upon the request of any legislator, for a sister state relationship in which**  
5 **the State of Oregon participates, a sister state committee, consisting of 20 members each,**  
6 **shall be appointed as described in subsection (2) of this section. The committee shall be**  
7 **named for the sister state for which the committee is created and shall be known as the**  
8 **(name of sister state) Sister State Committee.**

9 **(2) Membership of each sister state committee shall include:**

10 **(a) The President of the Senate, who shall be cochairperson of the committee;**

11 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be cochairperson of the**  
12 **committee;**

13 **(c) Two members of the Senate, who are not members of the same political party, ap-**  
14 **pointed by the President of the Senate;**

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

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

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

21 **(g) One former member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;**

22 **(h) One former member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the**  
23 **House of Representatives;**

24 **(i) Two public members appointed by the President of the Senate; and**

25 **(j) Two public members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.**

26 **(3) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may**  
27 **each designate an alternate from time to time from among the members of their respective**  
28 **chambers to exercise powers as a member of the committee when the President or Speaker**  
29 **is not in attendance at a committee meeting, except that an alternate may not preside over**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 a committee meeting in place of the President or Speaker.

2 (4)(a) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives serve  
 3 on a sister state committee so long as each continues to hold the office of President or  
 4 Speaker.

5 (b) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed under subsection (2)(c) or (d) of this  
 6 section serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and may continue to serve as long  
 7 as the member remains in the chamber of the Legislative Assembly from which the member  
 8 was appointed. Before the expiration of the legislative term of office of a member appointed  
 9 under subsection (2)(c) or (d) of this section, the appointing authority shall appoint a suc-  
 10 cessor whose term on the committee begins when the former member's legislative term of  
 11 office ends. If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection (2)(c) or (d) of  
 12 this section for any other cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to be-  
 13 come effective immediately.

14 (c) The term of office of committee members appointed under subsection (2)(e) to (j) of  
 15 this section is two years. A member appointed under subsection (2)(e) to (j) of this section  
 16 is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection  
 17 (2)(e) to (j) of this section before the expiration of the term, the appointing authority shall  
 18 make an appointment to become effective immediately for the unexpired term.

19 (5) Members of the Legislative Assembly who are members of a sister state committee  
 20 are entitled to a per diem as provided in ORS 171.072 except when members are out of the  
 21 United States.

22 (6) The cochairpersons of a sister state committee shall preside alternately at sister state  
 23 committee meetings.

24 (7) A majority of the members of a sister state committee constitutes a quorum for the  
 25 transaction of business.

26 (8) The Legislative Administration Committee shall provide staff necessary to perform  
 27 the functions of the sister state committee.

28 **SECTION 2.** Each sister state committee may:

29 (1) Organize activities for and host visiting delegations from the sister state;

30 (2) Organize activities for and participate in delegations visiting the sister state and the  
 31 nation in which the sister state is located;

32 (3) Provide for the exchange of information between the State of Oregon and the sister  
 33 state;

34 (4) Work with representatives of the sister state on joint projects; and

35 (5) Take all actions necessary to facilitate and promote relations between the State of  
 36 Oregon and the sister state.

37 **SECTION 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this 2001 Act apply to each sister state relationship in  
 38 which the State of Oregon participates on or after the effective date of this 2001 Act.

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