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***Public Hearing Held On Senate Bill 105 Which Establishes A Sunset Advisory
Committee***

Salem, OR - Today, a public hearing was held on Senate Bill 105 which would establish the Sunset Advisory Committee to analyze, evaluate and make recommendations on maintaining, improving or abolishing state agencies. Senator Kim Thatcher(SD-13) testified on behalf of the bill in the Senate Rules Committee.

"SB 105 represents an exciting opportunity to increase government accountability, transparency and efficiency," explained Senator Thatcher. "The committee would play a vital role in identifying where state government is doing poorly and offer critical solutions to fixing those problematic areas."

The Sunset Advisory Committee would work through analyzing various state agencies and send their recommendations to the Legislature which would then decide to maintain, improve, or let the agencies dissolve.

Texas, California, Minnesota, Ohio and Delaware have some form of sunset advisory committee. Texas' Sunset Advisory Commission has successfully abolished 79 agencies over its existence. For every dollar spent on the Commission, Texas taxpayers have saved \$25 dollars, in all saving nearly \$950 million dollars.

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