

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	4 - 2 - 1
Yeas:	Berger, Buckley, Roblan, Rosenbaum
Nays:	Esquivel, Thatcher
Exc.:	Hunt
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Meeting Dates:	1/22, 4/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds one dollar to fees required for recording a document with county clerk, of which half is dedicated to local records management, half to the Secretary of State's Public Records Management Assistance Fund. Establishes the Secretary of State's Public Records Management Assistance Fund. Directs State Archivist to award grants and provide technical assistance to political subdivisions for public records management programs. Creates five-member Public Records Advisory Committee within the Secretary of State's office.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Dedication of fees at local level
- Value of public records
- Need for records-management assistance
- Electronic records
- Justification for added fee
- Annual filing of assessment work document for unpatented mining claims
- Document filing fees in various counties

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes membership of proposed Public Records Advisory Committee by deleting one city clerk and adding one special district member; specifies that county portion of fee is to be deposited in a fund dedicated to archives; clarifies fee deposit language.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon State Archives, a division within the Secretary of State's office, provides access to the permanently valuable records of Oregon government, housing some of the state's oldest documents, including records of the provisional and territorial governments and the Oregon Constitution.

The State Archivist currently provides on-line training with video, audio, and printable manuals covering records management basics, e-mail management, micrographics, imaging, disaster preparedness and other topics. The State Archivist also provides records retention schedules so that local records managers can determine how long to keep common state and local records. HB 2085-A would increase the financial resources available for archiving the public records.