

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Westlund, Walker
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/8

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Permits Secretary of State to refuse to file documents containing unredacted Social Security number, state identification number, drive license number, credit or debit card number, or account number. Deletes requirement that certain documents filed with secretary contain Social Security numbers, federal employer identification numbers, and taxpayer identification numbers. Charges secretary with developing system to provide unique identifiers for farm products central filing system. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Number of ORS chapters changed by bill
- Material to be redacted
- Applicability to documents already on file

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** All corporations, both domestic and those foreign corporations authorized to transact business in Oregon, are required to file documents on an annual basis with the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State Corporations Division maintains records of businesses, corporations, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, limited partnerships, nonprofit corporations, and business trusts. The purpose of this registration is to ensure disclosure on the public record of the real and true names of those persons transacting business in Oregon.

Identity theft has been a growing problem in recent years. Identity theft occurs when someone acquires key pieces of someone else's identity, such as name, date of birth, or Social Security number, with the intent to commit fraud. Once criminals have access to such information they can commit many different types of fraud, including taking over bank accounts or making purchases.

House Bill 2090-A seeks to further limit access to personal and corporate identification by allowing the Secretary of State to refuse to file certain documents that contain unredacted Social Security numbers, state identification numbers, driver license numbers, credit or debit card numbers, or account numbers. The measure also deletes the requirement that such numbers be included in certain documents filed with the Secretary of State. In addition, House Bill 2090-A directs the Secretary of State to develop a unique identifier, made up of a number/letter combination, to be used as part of the central filing system for farm products.

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