

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Kruse, Morse, Westlund, Walker
<b>Nays:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Eliminates the requirement that councils of governments send copies of budget documents to the Department of Revenue for further filing by the Secretary of State Audits Division. Applies to documents filed for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2007. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure

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

**BACKGROUND:** ORS Chapter 190 authorizes local governments to come together voluntarily to work on issues and problems that cross city, county and, in some cases, state boundaries, by forming a council of governments. These councils may be comprised of two or more counties, cities, districts or other public corporations, commissions, authorities or entities, and are formed by written agreement for the performance of any or all functions that the parties to the agreement have the authority to perform.

Examples of councils of government include the Lane Council of Governments, the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, the Mid-Columbia Council of Governments, the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, Northwest Senior and Disability Services, the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, the Rogue Valley Council of Governments, and the Umpqua Regional Council of Governments.

Current law requires that councils of governments annually file with the Oregon Department of Revenue a copy of their current budget, and the resolution adopting that budget. The Department subsequently forwards the documents to the Secretary of State Audits Division, which retains them for at least two years. House Bill 2238 deletes the requirement that councils of governments send their budgets and resolutions automatically, and would instead require councils to maintain the documents themselves for at least two years. The measure also requires councils to provide the documents to the Department of Revenue, the Audits Division, or a county assessor upon request.