74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER:

House Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 6 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Roblan, Thatcher, Rosenbaum

Nays: - Exc.: Hunt

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Meeting Dates: 4/13, 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Legislative Administration Committee staff to install and maintain links, and other material, on individual member web-pages of the Legislative Assembly website as directed by the individual members.

HB 2603

Rep. Thatcher

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Legislative Administration Committee (LAC) policies on Internet links posted on member web-pages
- Concerns about propriety of some links that may be posted by individual members
- History of policy changes on this issue, resulting release form
- Censorship and free speech
- Number of links posted on legislator web-pages as of March 2006
- Responsibility and accountability of each member for information on each member's web-pages

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The staff of the Legislative Administration Committee (LAC), headed by the Legislative Administrator, maintains the website for the Oregon Legislative Assembly at http://www.leg.state.or.us/, including web-pages for each legislator. LAC has developed an "Acknowledgment and Release" form for legislators to sign, releasing staff from liability that may result from legislator use of web-pages provided through LAC.