74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2910 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY **CARRIER:**

House Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed **Action:**

Vote:

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

Nays: Exc.:

Jim Stembridge, Administrator **Prepared By:**

Meeting Dates: 3/16, 3/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs political committee statement of organization to include designation of a person other than the treasurer to also receive notices sent to the treasurer.

Rep. Buckley

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Campaign organization experience in Jackson County
- Methods used by Secretary of State in contacting political committees
- E-mail notification of written notification as alternative second notice
- Definition of mitigating circumstances in Secretary of State penalty process
- General philosophy of discretion given to the Secretary of State and politics of applying discretion
- Administrative rule process for further definition of terms in statute
- Retro-active nature of civil penalty provisions

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes retroactive civil penalty waiver authority.

BACKGROUND: HB 2910-A addresses an issue brought to light in a Jackson County experience whereby notices sent by the Secretary of State to the single campaign-organization contact were ignored for many weeks, resulting in lack of timely information filing and a civil penalty.