

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Government Accountability and Information Technology

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued**

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	3 - 1 - 1
Yeas:	Beyer, Edwards C., Riley
Nays:	Girod
Exc.:	Thatcher
Prepared By:	Patrick Brennan, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/10, 4/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs the Department of Administrative Services to maintain records about state contracts for consulting services and to report the information about those contracts to the Governor and Legislative Assembly. Requires department to maintain records about state procurement contracts of more than \$50,000 and to report the information about those contracts to the Governor and Legislative Assembly. Stipulates that the reports are to be considered public records and requires that Social Security numbers of contract employees be redacted.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential impact to contractors and state agencies
- Current data collection processes
- Types of information that would need to be collected
- Examples of need for greater scrutiny and transparency of contracting
- Lack of competition for certain state contracts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires the reports be submitted to the Governor and Legislative Assembly, rather than Governor, Speaker of the House and Senate President. Increases threshold for reporting on state procurement contracts from \$15,000 to \$50,000.

BACKGROUND: ORS 279A designates the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) as the state agency responsible for conducting all procurements and administering the contracting of goods, services, and personal services for the State of Oregon. The mission of the DAS State Procurement Office is “to support State and local government by providing leadership, training, oversight and a vehicle for public contracting.” Contracts must be reviewed for legal sufficiency and approved by the Attorney General prior to being approved.

House Bill 3366-A directs DAS to maintain records regarding contracts for consulting services that are entered into by state agencies. A report would be prepared following the end of each fiscal year and submitted to the Governor and Legislative Assembly, breaking down information on such contracts. The measure also requires DAS to compile information on active procurement contracts of more than \$50,000 and to submit a report encompassing that information to the Governor and Legislative Assembly. These reports would be considered public records and be available to the public; however, Social Security numbers would be redacted from the reports.