

74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee on Consumer Protection

CORRECTED

MEASURE: SB 484 B
CARRIER: Rep. Bonamici

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	4 - 3 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Galizio, Riley, Holvey
Nays:	Gilliam, Girod, Nelson
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Steve Dixon, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	5/16, 5/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows consumer to revoke provision of consumer contract that requires the consumer to assert or respond to claim in another state. Defines consumer contract as a contract for personal, family or household purposes of \$15,000, or less. Remedies include requiring proceedings to be conducted in this state and reasonable attorney fees against attempted enforcement of revoked provision.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Consumer contracts, arbitration clauses and their effect on consumers and businesses.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds definition of consumer contract and limits bill to those consumer contracts of \$15,000 or less. Clarifies that the remedy for violation is to require proceeding to be within Oregon. Removes provision allowing appearance by telephone.

BACKGROUND: Consumer contracts may have clauses that require a consumer to assert or to respond to a claim in a different state. Consumers in Oregon may have trouble enforcing terms of a contract because of the cost of traveling to another state. SB 484 B requires that the forum for deciding disputes involving consumer contracts be within Oregon.

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