

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barker, Bonamici, Cameron, Flores, Komp, Krieger, Read, Whisnant, Macpherson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts from disclosure to the public e-mail addresses of patrons of public libraries.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Unofficial Department of Justice opinion that address does not include e-mail address
- Privacy

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The public has a right to inspect and obtain a copy of records possessed by state and local government unless the document is specifically excluded from disclosure. Certain records are either conditionally exempted from disclosure (ORS 192.501) or unconditionally exempted (ORS 192.502). The records of a public library, including circulation records showing use of specific library material by a named person consisting of the name of library patrons, together with the address or telephone number of the patron, are unconditionally excluded from disclosure. However, even though telephone numbers are excluded, electronic mail addresses are not.