

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Secretary of State (SOS) to establish and collect fees from agencies filing rules. Requires such fees to be deposited in State Treasury to the credit of the Secretary of State Miscellaneous Receipts Account. Permits SOS to publish required compilation and bulletin of rules and orders in print or by placing them on the Internet. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cost to publish rules
- Need for paper copies of rules
- Cost to agencies
- Current charge to agencies
- Source of cost projections
- Comparison of costs for subscriptions versus being charged by the rule

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Permits SOS to publish required compilation and bulletin of rules and orders in print or by placing them on the Internet.

BACKGROUND: The monthly Oregon Bulletin and annual Oregon Administrative Rules Compilation are published by the Archives Division as required by ORS 183.360. Fees charged for subscriptions to the Bulletin and the Compilation pay for the production and publication of these publications. In 1995, however, the Legislative Assembly enacted ORS 183.365 that added a requirement to publish administrative rules in electronic format free of charge to consumers.

The SOS reports that demand for hard copy publications has fallen, as has the revenue generated by those publications, creating a situation where costs are not covered by revenue. House Bill 2093 amends ORS 183.355 by requiring the Archives Division to charge for processing and publication of administrative rules and the Bulletin.