

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 3 – 1 – 1

Yeas: Burdick, Metsger, Devlin

Nays: Ferrioli

Exc.: Atkinson

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Meeting Dates: 6/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies and updates provisions relating to planning, acquisition, installation and use of information and telecommunications technology by state government and state agencies. Allows Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to adopt information technology standards without administrative rule making. Removes authority for DAS to operative central repair and maintenance services and clerical and stenographic pool services. Deletes obsolete provisions relating to department functions. Declare emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Standardization of information and telecommunication technology systems
- Fiscal impact of implementing state government-wide standards and procedures
- Administrative rule making procedures for information technology standards
- Legislative oversight of rule making processes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is required to implement state government-wide planning, standards, processes and procedures with regard to information technology. There is uncertainty about whether DAS has the authority and resources to carry out those functions for statewide agencies beyond the executive branch. HB 2145-A makes DAS's authority for information technology for all state government agencies consistent with its authority related to executive branch agencies. standardizes information technology terms and eliminates outmoded references to governmental entities throughout the statutory provisions affected by the bill.

Under existing provisions of ORS 291.038, DAS is required to establish information technology "policies, procedures, standards and guidelines" through the administrative rule making process with legislative committee review prior to adoption. Proponents assert that the existing process for setting standards through administrative rule and legislative committee review is not practical.