

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
<b>Vote:</b>	8 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Berger, Edwards C., Garrard, Gelser, Jenson, Nolan, Read, Roblan
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Jerry Watson, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/16, 4/13, 4/15, 5/8

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates Electronic Governmental Portal Advisory Board. Allows Director of Department of Administrative Services to charge a convenience fee if advisory board so recommends. Requires convenience fee to reflect costs incurred in hosting, operating, maintaining or implementing the electronic government portal. Exempts rates and fees from requirement for biennial legislative reauthorization. Allows Director of Department of Administrative Services to take action before and after effective date of measure all the duties, functions and powers conferred on the director by the Act. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Need to expand electronic connectivity and access to state government information resources
- Impact of cost recovery model on development of expanded electronic connectivity and information access
- Possible “blank check” for fees charged to general public
- Composition of stakeholder advisory group
- Collection of service fee for “value added” services
- Possible impact on Ways and Means process

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Deletes proposed authority of Department of Administrative Services to establish by rule services, rates and user fees for electronic connectivity and information access. Provides definitions of significant terms. Creates Electronic Governmental Portal Advisory Board and establishes criteria for membership on, operating procedures for, and responsibilities of that advisory board. Allows Department of Administrative Services to charge members of the public a convenience fee if the advisory board so recommends. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**BACKGROUND:** Under current practice some government services provided electronically, such as billing for licenses and permits, are administered by third parties who charge state agencies for those services. Proponents assert that House Bill 2146-A allows streamlined recovery of costs and encourage greater development and use of e-government services. The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) currently has authority in ORS 291.038 to establish user fees for video conferencing and statewide online access. Proponents assert that House Bill 2146-A allows DAS to also collect fees for the costs of delivering e-government services such as portals to access state government services, agency on-line service applications, databases and electronic commerce transactions.