

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Harker
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Winters

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 21 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Shields, G. Smith

Nays:

Exc: Richardson

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 16, 2009

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Electronic Governmental Portal Advisory Board to advise the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) on electronic government portals, service priorities, user satisfaction, convenience fee development, and performance and transparency of state e-government services. Provides DAS with rulemaking authority to charge, or authorize a portal provider to charge, a convenience fee, if recommended by the advisory board. 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:

- Current assessment funded model for e-government is based on agency FTE; does not reflect actual usage of services or service-specific costs
- Need to find a sustainable funding model that meets both agency and citizen needs
- Convenience fee model is used in 22 other states with success
- Advisory board provides for vetting of agency's (and state's) direction regarding e-government services; role of board much broader than just advising on a funding mechanism
- Existing contract for e-government portal services expires in 2010; ideal transition would be to include a funding model change in new contract

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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. 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 online service applications, databases and electronic commerce transactions.