

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Eng. Measure (Printed B-Eng.)

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/15, 5/28

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Expands information exempt from public disclosure to include certain personal information of public safety officers, district attorneys, deputy district attorneys, prosecuting city attorneys, United States' attorneys and assistant attorneys, Attorneys General and assistant attorneys general. Allows for disclosure of records to financial institutions and title companies for business purposes. Requires request for non-disclosure be in writing and specific documents identified by requestor. Limits requestor to 10 documents held by county clerk's office.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Safety concerns faced by people who prosecute criminals
- Public access to personal information
- Specific incidents of violence
- Changes to the county clerks' database
- Feasibility of withholding certain personal information from the public

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Requires request for non-disclosure be in writing and specific documents identified by requestor. Limits requestor to 10 documents held by the county clerk's office. Extends exemption to city prosecutors, United States attorneys and assistant attorneys.

**BACKGROUND:** A measure similar to HB 2339B was first heard in 2007. HB 2339B is aimed at protecting people who prosecute criminals by allowing them to request that their address and electronic mail information not be disclosed on certain documents that are readily available to the public. Currently anyone can request of a deed office or recorder's office, with only the name of a person, information on any property that person has purchased, along with their complete with address and mortgage information. This measure seeks to protect certain persons working in public agencies from having their personal information readily accessible in this way.