

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal expenditure impact

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes the Chief Justice to require persons before the court to submit data in such a way that the information supplied allows the court to distinguish one person from another. Allows the Chief Justice by rule to exclude from disclosure the information received unless good cause is shown that the information should be disclosed.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Protection against identify theft versus the ability to identify people.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: ORS 1.002(2) allows the Chief Justice to make rules for the use of electronic transfer of information to the courts including the electronic filing of information by parties to lawsuits and other matters before the court. It is the goal of the court, to the fullest extent possible, to operate in a paper-free manner. The courts call the conversion to this process its eCourt Program.