

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 7 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Berger, Edwards C., Garrard, Gelser, Jenson, Read, Roblan
Nays: 0
Exc.: Nolan
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Meeting Dates: 5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires county budgets to contain a summary of revenues and expenditures for specified major programs funded in part by state resources. Specifies that summary must include revenues and expenditures in adopted budget, previous year's budget, and actual revenue and expenditure data from the previous two years. Reduces amount of time for which county governing body may change fee from one year to six months. Allows local governments to publish annual budget summaries by program instead of by fund or organizational unit. Permits mailing to each post office box and rural route number belonging to a resident to serve as publication under local budget law.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of similar efforts in past legislative session
- Transparency for public to review county budgets
- Developing a consistent formula for all county budgets
- Complexity, rigidity and lack of efficiency of current system

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Association of Oregon Counties put forward Senate Bill 916A to provide for uniform collection of county financial summary data information in order to further the work of counties in presenting their budgets to the Legislative Assembly.