

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 7 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Cameron, Conger, Matthews, Sheehan, Smith J., Holvey, Whisnant
Nays: 0
Exc.: Clem
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Meeting Dates: 2/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows governmental agencies to conduct transactions electronically or create or retain electronic records of transactions without the individual's consent if the government agency regularly relies on electronic records or conducts transactions electronically.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Use of the process by the Department of Human Services (DHS)
- Department of Justice opinion received by DHS in November 2009
- Affect of the legislation on governmental agencies
- Interest in seeing an estimate of expected savings
- Business can still be conducted on paper, but it will be stored electronically

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Legislative Assembly adopted the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA) in 2001, making electronic records and signatures as legal as paper and manually signed signatures. The Act, as codified in statute, applies only to transactions between parties in which parties agree to conduct the transaction electronically. HB 2061 will amend the UETA so that permission is not required.