

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Boquist, George, Monroe, Shields
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/2

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Electronic versus hard copies of records
- Contingency plans for records access during and following disaster situations
- Privacy protections
- Comparison to practices in other states

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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