

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Boquist, George, Monroe, Shields
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/16, 5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Declares that any document or other information related to an audit of a public body is not disclosable until the final audit report is issued or the audit is abandoned.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Ensures audit results are not influenced by early release of information

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2247-A exempts work papers and related documentation from disclosure until the final audit is released. Copies of the draft audit sent to an audited entity are disclosable.

The audits affected by House Bill 2247-A are those that are conducted under nationally recognized auditing standards. The proposed disclosure restriction is intended to extend confidentiality only to work that is professionally conducted.