76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on General Government and Consumer Protection

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 7 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Cameron, Clem, Conger, Matthews, Sheehan, Holvey, Whisnant

Nays: 0 Exc.: Smith J.

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Meeting Dates: 3/1, 3/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes requirements for Secretary of State to audit the Governor elect's expenses incurred prior to taking office. Removes requirement for Secretary of State to audit claims against the War Veterans' Bond Sinking Account. Removes requirement for the Secretary of State to annually audit the expenses of the Department of Aviation.

MEASURE: HB 2248

CARRIER: Rep. Whisnant

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Effort to put audit resources where most needed, as determined by risk analysis

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Although House Bill 2248 eliminates the mandate to audit, in all three instances the Secretary of State will maintain the right to audit. Many agencies are audited on a rotational cycle, as risk would indicate. The Governor-elect now has a transitional budget that removes the necessity of reimbursement for the transitional expenses. The Office of the Secretary of State states that the annual statewide audit already encompasses the claims against the Veterans' Bond Sinking Account.