REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Meeting Dates:	5/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Employment Department to update its website regarding volunteerism and to include links to state and federal volunteering opportunities. Outlines specific information that must be included within the web page for both the Department and its Unemployment Insurance Division. Directs the Department's Business and Employment Services unit to incorporate information regarding volunteerism into its welcome process.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- The Employment Department already beginning to update its website to encourage volunteering
- Costs associated with updating a website

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The benefits of volunteerism are numerous for those who choose to participate, such as helping an individual who is looking for a job or a career change to gain valuable skills. House Bill 2275 A directs the Oregon Employment Department to update its website to encourage volunteerism, to include links to state and federal level volunteer opportunities, and to incorporate information about volunteering into the Business and Employment Services unit's welcome process.

House Bill 2275 A also requires a statement be posted on the web pages for both the Department's main website and its Unemployment Insurance Division that includes items such as how volunteer work can build experience for a person's resume, expand the person's list of community employment contacts, and that volunteering will not affect the person's unemployment benefits as long as they continue to meet work-search and availability requirements.