

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 6 - 1 - 1
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Meeting Dates: 2/8, 4/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows a public body to use electronic mail to send a notice under specified circumstances, primarily with the agreement of the recipient.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Spam filters
- Opt-out as opposed to opt-in
- Oregon's On-Line Population Indicator
- Agencies that currently use electronic mailing of notice
- Revision of forms to collect email addresses
- Potential consequence if email not received
- Safeguards on personally identifiable information

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: Members of the public often prefer to receive notice in an electronic format because it arrives faster and is easier to share and file. A workgroup was formed to address several issues raised when the original bill was under discussion. Requiring public bodies to use electronic notices was deemed problematic; giving public bodies the discretion to use electronic notices when the recipient agrees was preferred.