

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 3 - 0 - 2

Yeas: Bonamici, Monroe, Shields

Nays: 0

Exc.: Boquist, George

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Meeting Dates: 5/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows public bodies to send notice by electronic mail if the recipient enters into an agreement with the public body to receive the notice by electronic mail and other conditions are met.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Must be consensual decision by both sender and recipient
- Effect of amendment adopted in House
- Potential to evaluate program prior to February 2012 Session
- How parties would reach an agreement to send/receive notice by electronic mail

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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.