

**76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee on General Government and Consumer Protection**

**MEASURE: HB 2425 A
CARRIER: Rep. Clem**

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Cameron, Clem, Conger, Matthews, Sheehan, Holvey, Whisnant
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Smith J.
Prepared By:	Jan Nordlund, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/24, 3/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies provisions relating to local budget law. Eliminates requirement to publish financial summaries of individual funds and instead requires a summary of the budget as a whole. Requires that the financial summary describe in narrative form the prominent changes from year to year. Requires reporting on programs as opposed to funds. Standardizes what must be included in the notice and budget summary. Allows one of the two required publications of the notice to be placed on a website as opposed to the newspaper. Deletes requirement that a list of personal services costs be included in the budget document. Requires the district to make a list of employee salaries available upon request.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Emphasis to publish budget information by program rather than by fund
- Use of website and newspapers for publishing notice and financial summary
- Compromise on where and how often notice and financial summary is published
- Effort to publish more direct and useful data at expense of losing detail
- Ability to track unspent balances carried over to next budget cycle
- Consequences to municipal corporation if local budget law not followed
- Position of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes community college districts from list of exceptions to organizational units that have to prepare estimates of expenditures and other requirements for the ensuing year or budget period. Clarifies that the financial summary must describe changes in a narrative format. Specifies what a financial summary for a community college district must include.

BACKGROUND: In 2009, the Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 916, changing local budget law. During the 2009 interim, a group of interested parties worked to address a few issues left out of the legislation. The intent of the work group was to amend local budget statutes to make them more useful and readable for the general public, with the goal of being more transparent, and to set uniform statewide standards. Many changes the group suggests are, they say, meant to conform statutes to current practices and interpretations by the Department of Revenue.

The workgroup included representation from the Association of Oregon Counties, League of Oregon Cities, Oregon School Boards Association, Special Districts Association of Oregon, Oregon Department of Revenue, and the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association.

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This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

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