

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 3 - 0 - 2

Yeas: George, Monroe, Shields

Nays: 0

Exc.: Bonamici, Boquist

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Meeting Dates: 5/11, 6/1

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 in 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:

- Rates of Internet usage throughout Oregon
- Posting information in newspapers versus posting online
- Potential cost savings of online posting
- Consensus product of work group

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 2009, the Legislative Assembly enacted 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 improving transparency, and to establish uniform statewide standards. Many of the changes are 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.