76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER: Rep. Matthews House Committee on General Government and Consumer Protection

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

> Yeas: Cameron, Clem, Conger, Matthews, Sheehan, Smith J., Holvey, Whisnant

MEASURE: HB 2809

Nays: 0 Exc.:

Prepared By: Jan Nordlund, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 2/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes requirement for specific special districts to have contracts, deeds, warranties, releases, receipts, and other documents signed and countersigned by elected district officers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Effort to streamline government practices

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: There are more than 20 different types of special districts authorized by Oregon statutes. Most special districts have the authority to tax property and/or levy fees to finance service delivery at the direction of an elected governing board for three to seven members. Nearly all types of districts allow the elected directors to delegate administrative functions (including signing and counter signing contracts) and tasks to district employees. House Bill 2809 would allow parks and recreation districts, radio and data districts, sanitary authorities, and sanitary districts to operate like the other special districts.