76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2809 CARRIER: Sen. Bever

Senate Committee on General Government, Consumer and Small Business Protection

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, George, Monroe, Shields

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/27, 5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Deletes the requirement for certain special districts to sign and countersign contracts, deeds, warrants, releases, receipts and other documents.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Brings consistency between different types of districts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon law provides for the formation of more than 20 different types of special districts. 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. Nearly all types of districts allow the elected board of directors to delegate administrative functions (including signing and countersigning contracts) and tasks to district employees; exceptions include parks and recreation districts, radio and data districts, sanitary authorities and sanitary districts. House Bill 2809 allows these types of districts to delegate administrative functions in a manner similar to other special districts.