

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Conger, Doherty, Hoyle, Johnson, Matthews, Kennemer, Schaufler
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Esquivel
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Meeting Dates:	4/1, 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs the Secretary of State’s Business Registration Information Center to create and maintain a “One Stop Shop for Oregon Business” web portal. Outlines items that are to be contained in the portal. Directs state and local government agencies whose functions include business registration, licensing, permitting or taxation, or that provide information for or assist with establishing, expanding, operating or relocating a business, to cooperate with and assist the Center in performing their duties related to establishing and maintain the portal. Allows the Secretary of State to adopt rules to implement the measure’s provisions. Establishes an operative date of January 1, 2012. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Ability for users to provide feedback on the proposed web portal
- Impact of web portal on the legal industry
- Whether the web portal could be expanded to include local government resources

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: One of the Secretary of State’s key functions is delegated to its Corporation Division, which is charged with keeping track of businesses that are authorized to transact business in Oregon, as well as other public business records such as non-profit organizations, notices of security interests in moveable and personal property, statutory liens and warrants, and trade and service marks. The Corporation Division also houses the Business Registration Information Center, which is a system of accurate and easily understandable information with respect to Oregon’s business registration requirements of participating state agencies. The system is available to anyone who is either starting a new business or operating an existing business.

House Bill 3247-A directs the Center to create, maintain, and update the “One Stop Shop for Oregon Business” web portal, which is designed to provide a variety of information, services and resources related to starting, expanding and operating a business in Oregon or relocating a business within or to Oregon. Examples of items to be included in the portal include state and local government rules, ordinances and policies that apply to businesses; required registrations, licenses, and/or permits for a business; financing and tax credits available to businesses; taxes, rules and policies concerning taxation that apply to businesses; resources for hiring workers in Oregon; and information about public contracting and business relocation.