

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	3 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Bonamici, Monroe, Shields
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Boquist, George
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Meeting Dates:	5/4, 5/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires agencies audited by Secretary of State to disclose the results of the audit and submit a written report about the changes the agency made or is making in response to the audit to the Legislative Assembly within six months and to the appropriate subcommittee of Joint Ways and Means at all hearings regarding the agency's budget for three years.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Content of Secretary of State audits of state agencies
- Number of audits conducted annually
- Potential roles for policy committees and Joint Ways and Means Subcommittees

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Secretary of State's Audits Division was established in 1929 to carry out the Secretary of State's constitutional responsibility of auditor of public accounts. The Audits Division's mission is to ensure that public funds are properly accounted for, spent in accordance with legal requirements, and used to their best advantage. It conducts audits selected to produce the best value for Oregon taxpayers. The Secretary of State produced 41 audit reports in 2010.

House Bill 3291 requires agencies that are the subject of a Secretary of State audit to disclose the audit results and present a written report to the Legislative Assembly within six months following the audit report. The agency is also to report the audit results to the appropriate subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means at all hearings related to the agency's budget for a period of three years from the date that the Secretary of State issues the audit report.