

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Beyer, Lindsay, Nathanson, Sheehan, Weidner, Bentz, Read
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Smith J.
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Meeting Dates:	5/11, 5/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands the exemption from public records disclosure to include records, communications and information received by counties and cities in connection with applications for economic development moneys, support or assistance.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- All incentives are public records once given
- Good for competition
- State and ports already have the privilege
- Disclosure exemption only prior to awarding of incentives

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon public records law (ORS 192) governs requirements for making certain governmental records available for public scrutiny. Several types of documents are exempt from disclosure, including records, communications and information submitted to the Oregon Business Development Commission, the Oregon Business Development Department, the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Growth Account Board, the Port of Portland and other ports, by applicants for investment funds, loans or services. Senate Bill 437 adds city and county governing bodies, and subunits of cities and counties, to the list of entities whose records and communications are exempt for these purposes. The measure also expands the statute to include applicants for grants, economic development moneys, support or assistance.