

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

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	3 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Monroe, Shields
Nays:	Boquist, George
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/6, 4/20

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:

- Proper balance between disclosure and proprietary information
- Potential deterrent to businesses that may otherwise move into area
- Economic development and business recruitment efforts

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. Among those are 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.