

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

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Boquist, George, Monroe, Shields
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires state agencies that have been subject of a Secretary of State performance or program audit to report to the Legislative Assembly on actions taken by the agency to address the findings and implement recommendations of the audit. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Variation in responsiveness of agencies to audits
- Legislative oversight of state agencies

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.

Senate Bill 907 requires agencies that are the subject of a Secretary of State performance or program audit to present a report to the Legislative Assembly during the following regular legislative session beginning at least six months following the audit report. The agency report is to describe the actions taken by the public body to address the audit findings.