

HB 2370

Relating to the Oregon transparency website

HB 2370 requires additional information to be posted on the state transparency website including information relating to state agency's public meetings, administrative rules and contracts. This information can be provided via links to state agency websites posted on the transparency website. The measure also requires the transparency website to provide links to websites established by local governments upon request from the local government. Finally, the measure requires the transparency website to include copies of all reports received from counties or other local governments related to enterprise zones.

There is a minimal fiscal impact to the Department of Administrative Services as a result of this measure.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 2370 be reported out do pass.

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carriers – House: Rep. Thatcher
Rep. Barnhart
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Whitsett

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote:

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires additional information to be posted on state transparency website relating to public meetings, administrative rules and contracts. Requires link to local government or special government financial transparency website to be posted when available. Requires posting to website of reports regarding properties in enterprise zones.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure
- Value of transparency
- Importance of accessibility of public meeting records, contracts, etc.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2500 (2009) established the Oregon Transparency Website. A series of bills enacted by the 2011 legislature added requirements for reports from education service districts (ESD); for public meeting notices from agencies, boards and commissions; for reports on tax expenditures issued for economic development; and for reports on county expenditure of lottery funds.

House Bill 2370 A adds requirements for links to websites hosting minutes or summaries of public meetings, to websites with information relating to agency administrative rules, to websites listing information on agency and ESD contracts and to local government and special district financial transparency websites. The measure also specifically requires posting copies of local government reports regarding properties in enterprise zones received by the Department of Administrative Services, Department of Revenue or Business Development Department.