

**77TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
2013 REGULAR SESSION  
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY  
HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE**

**MEASURE: HB 2229  
CARRIER: Rep. Berger**

**REVENUE: No Revenue Impact  
FISCAL: No Fiscal Impact**

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 7-0-2  
**Yeas:** Bentz, Berger, Conger, Davis, Read, Vega Pederson, Barnhart  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Bailey, Gelser

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Meeting Dates: 02/11, 03/19**

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**WHAT THE BILL DOES:** Allows Department of Revenue to disclose information related to tax on tobacco products to government entities that regulate tobacco products or enforce laws related to tobacco products. Modifies provisions governing department disclosure of information related to tax on cigarettes.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Need to modernize the law.
- The reasons that the information were not shared or public in the first place.
- What type of information is needed and the agencies the information would be shared with.
- Other agencies won't share information with DOR because we can't reciprocate.
- Maximize DOR partnerships in administration and compliance efforts.

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:**

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 323.250, was created in 1965 and has not kept up with the changes in the tobacco industry. It is limited to cigarette tax information (does not include OTP) and only allows DOR to share information with governments outside of Oregon that administer tobacco taxes. The regulation of tobacco products has significantly increased at both the federal and state levels. Those regulations often have a direct or indirect impact upon (the determination or the collection of) tobacco taxes. DOR's ability to exchange information with agencies that regulate (but do not administer) tobacco is limited under this law.

DOR needs the ability to share and receive information (that may or may not be directly tax related) about both tobacco and cigarette regulation to maximize partnerships in the administration and compliance efforts. Oregon's state and local agencies, other states' (tax and non-tax) state and local agencies, and various federal agencies are among the agencies to share information with.

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