

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	6 - 3 - 0
Yeas:	Doherty, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Smith, Vega Pederson, Holvey
Nays:	Johnson, Richardson, Thatcher
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/2, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires person selling or advertising consumer goods for delivery to a consumer to clearly disclose shipping and handling charges during transaction. Makes violation unlawful trade practice.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current industry practices
- Current practices in other states
- Time at which charges are disclosed

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Specifies disclosure requirement applies to consumer goods that will ship directly to consumer.

BACKGROUND: Unfair trade practices may be prosecuted by the Attorney General or the district attorney of the county where the unlawful practice is alleged to have occurred; harmed individuals have a private right of action as well. Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act currently prohibits unfair or deceptive conduct in trade or commerce, but the Act includes no specific requirement to disclose shipping and handling charges in advertising for consumer goods.

House Bill 3070 A requires that sellers of consumer goods clearly disclose shipping and handling charges to the consumer before completion of a sales transaction. The measure makes a violation of the requirement an unlawful trade practice.