

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Dingfelder, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: Close
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Meeting Dates: 5/6, 5/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Enacts the Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act. Provides process for designating electronic legal materials as official record. Designates official publishers for Oregon Constitution, Session laws, Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules. Requires publishers to ensure integrity, provide for backup and continued usability of legal material. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Advantages of Uniform Law
- Process of authentication
- Bill sponsors

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Uniform Electronic Materials Act is a product of the Uniform Law Commission and provides for the authentication and preservation of Oregon's laws when published electronically. The Act requires electronic material to be authenticated by providing a method to determine it is unaltered. It also requires material to be preserved either in electronic or print form and accessible for use by the public on a permanent basis. The Act has been adopted by California, Colorado, Minnesota and North Dakota and is pending in eight other states.