

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 26 – 0 – 0

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Freeman, Hanna, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Read, Richardson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 12, 2013

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.