

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Starr, Rosenbaum
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 6/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts electronic mail addresses in possession or custody of executive department, local government or local service district, or special government body from required disclosure under public records law. Exemption does not apply to email address assigned by public body to public employee for use by employee in course of employment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Application of exemption of electronic mail addresses

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, an individual may file a public records request with an agency, board, or commission including, for example, the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon Department of Education, and Department of Administrative Services, for the email addresses that the entity has in its possession. The email addresses that could be disclosed include addresses of employees, clients, stakeholders, newsletter subscribers, and vendors.

Under current law, an agency, board, or commission is required to disclose the email addresses of individuals who have provided an email for reasons such as applying for benefits, submitting an application for a job, or to receive reports or newsletters.

House Bill 3294A exempts electronic mail addresses in the possession or custody of an executive department, local government or local service district, or special government body from required disclosure under public records law. The exemption does not apply to email addresses assigned by the public body to a public employee for use by that employee in the course of his or her public employment.