77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2014 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 8 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Hicks, Krieger, Lininger, Tomei, Williamson, Barker

MEASURE: HB 4086 A

CARRIER: Rep. Tomei

Nays: 0 Exc.: Olson

Prepared By: Alex Britain, Law Clerk

Meeting Dates: 2/4, 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Makes certain records exempt from public disclosure when those records have personally identifiable information collected by a mass transit system.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Per se disclosure exemption under ORS 192.502
- Agency determination of disclosure under ORS 192.501
- Scope of exemption
- Prevention of domestic violence
- Effects of amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Modifies measure so public disclosure listing applies under ORS 192.501 rather than ORS 192.502. Clarifies that anonymized and aggregate data is not subject to the exemption.

BACKGROUND: Unless exempted, public records used or retained by a public body are subject to public disclosure whenever a member of the public requests them. Public disclosure exemptions have been established in ORS 192.501 under a case by case analysis for records requests; this analysis is made by the administrative agency that has authority over the exempted records. Alternative, ORS 192.502 exempts certain public records from disclosure when the public or private interest in keeping those records confidential outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Many of the exemptions under this section focus on maintaining privacy when public records contain personally identifiable information; this is a per se exemption.

HB 4086-A amends ORS 192.501 so that personally identifiable records of passengers are subject to a public disclosure exemption unless the person requesting disclosure is able to prove to the relevant administrative agency that in the case of a specific record, public interest in disclosure outweighs the private interest in the exemption.