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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes the Department of Consumer and Business Services to enter into agreements with public bodies to allow access to public body's construction-related services through Department's electronic building codes information system. Enables information system to include coordination and tracking of construction-related services. Removes sunset on building permit surcharge used to fund operation of electronic building codes system.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Voluntary program
- Definition of construction related services

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

*(-3 amendment)* Defines construction related services. Restores limitation that the system cannot allow the altering of the substance of information or the addition and omission of information." Clarifies no city or county that chooses not to use the building permit system may be sanctioned or disciplined by the state.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2003, the Building Codes Division of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services worked with local government, contractors and the Legislative Assembly to implement a pilot project for an electronic, or e-permitting, building permit system. Legislation was passed in 2005 and 2007 that transitioned the program from pilot to a regional, then statewide, service to contractors and local government. The 2007 legislation included a sunset provision in order to allow evaluation and renewal. Senate Bill 133-A removes the sunset and make e-permitting available to additional local governments that provide construction-related services.