

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

**Written Testimony before the
Senate Committee on Workforce
Regarding House Bill 3321**

Chair Fagan, Vice-Chairs Rayfield and Buehler, and Members of the Committee,

The Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) has a number of significant concerns about House Bill 3321. Here is a short list of some of our most serious concerns:

- Section 1(5)(b) would require all counties to use the DAS website to post specified information about certain public contracts. Some of the information required to be posted is not even currently collected by many counties, such as those identified in Section 1(5)(b)(C), (D), and (F). This would pose significant new burdens on counties, without providing any additional funding for this new mandate.
- Section 3(1)(a) would require counties to collect all of the contractors records used in the performance of the public contract. Likewise, this would pose significant new burdens on counties, and contractors, without providing any additional funding for this new mandate.
- Section 3(3) would make every meeting between a contractor and the head of a contracting agency a public meeting subject the advance notice requirements of the public meetings law. This would pose not only additional financial burdens, it is impractical.
- Section 5 contains a laundry list of additional information that must be included in all contracts for goods or services. This would pose a significant burden on counties, and on vendors, without providing any additional funding for this new mandate.

If we understood what problem is trying to be resolved by HB 3321, we might be able to suggest some better alternatives. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill 3321.

Sincerely,



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