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Meeting Dates: 3/23, 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Department of Administrative Services to provide a method for users to offer suggestions regarding the form or content of the website on the homepage of the website. Requires the posting of economic development information related to Oregon Product Investment Fund, qualified research tax credits, Beginning and Expanding Farmer Loan Program, Oregon Innovation Council and strategic investment program. Requires posting of annual reports regarding certain tax expenditures. Requires posting of description of process for requesting public records from public bodies. Enables local governments to post notices of public meetings.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

(-1 amendment) Removes posting reference to names of taxpayers who claimed credit for qualified research expenses.

(-2 amendment) Directs Oregon Department of Administrative Services to convene work group to study and make recommendations for updating and modifying the statute laws of this state as necessary to allow the inclusion on the Oregon transparency website of all public notices required by law to be published by public bodies. Directs department to submit report no later than January 1, 2016. Sunset Section 3 on June 30, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 515 is an attempt to increase transparency and access to vital information regarding Oregon's state government.