

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

House Committee on Consumer Protection and Government Effectiveness

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Wendy Simons, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 4/28, 5/5**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires Department of Administrative Services to procure or supervise procurement of information technology goods and services for Oregon Health Authority.**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of oversight and accountability in public contracting
- Subjects procurements by Oregon Health Authority to oversight by Department of Administrative Services
- Other legislation regarding information technology procurements
- Types of contracting approaches

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendments.

BACKGROUND: The process that contracting agencies follow when procuring goods and services is governed by statute, agency policy, and agency administrative rules. The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) creates policies and administrative rules for agencies to follow in contacting. Currently information technology projects are procured or supervised in procurement by DAS, but Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is exempted from this requirement. Other OHA exemptions include educational and research activities related to prevention and misuse of controlled substances, purchasing pharmaceutical agents and medical supplies in case of public health emergency, coordinating the efforts of school based health centers, and housing for people with chronic mental illness.

In 2014 the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 4122 A requiring OHA, in procuring information technology project contracts, to consult the Chief Information Officer and DAS. Senate Bill 7-A removes OHA's exemption from the general requirement for DAS to either procure or supervise procurement of information technology goods and services on behalf of state agencies.

Senate floor vote: 29-0