

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Consumer Protection and Government Effectiveness**

**MEASURE: HB 2377**  
**CARRIER: Rep. Nearman**

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 02/24/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/17, 02/24

**Vote:**  
Yeas: 7 - Buehler, Fagan, Gallegos, Holvey, Nearman, Rayfield, Stark

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Prohibits person from soliciting, requesting or otherwise inducing another person to provide personal information by impersonating a third person, without the third person's knowledge, authorization and consent. Creates exceptions for law enforcement and lawful investigators. Punishes violation as unlawful trade practice. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- How often Attorney General's office sees this conduct
- U.S. and international trends in internet scams

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

“Phishing” is the popular term for soliciting personal information via electronic means by representing oneself as a third party without the third person's knowledge, authorization and consent. Phishing websites and electronic messages are often difficult for consumers to distinguish from a company's genuine communications. House Bill 2377 makes phishing a civil violation under the Unlawful Trade Practices Act with enforcement by the Attorney General or district attorney.