

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**Senate Committee On Rules**

**MEASURE: SB 293**  
**CARRIER: Sen. Ferrioli**

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact  
**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 03/12/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/24, 03/12

**Vote:**  
Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Boquist, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum  
Exc: 1 - Burdick

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Extends exemption from statutory gift limit to include admission provided to, or cost of food or beverage consumed by, relative of public official, who accompanies public official at reception, meal or meeting.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Reasons for extending exemption to relative, who may not be member of household
- Type of events that public official may take relative
- Inclusion of staff member in exemption

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 244.020 (6)(a) defines the term “gift” as anything of economic value that is given to a public official, a relative, or member of the public official’s household that is not equally extended to nonpublic officials. Public officials are limited to receiving a total amount of \$50 per year from a single source with a legislative or administrative interest. These limits also apply to the public official’s relatives and members of the official’s household. There are several exemptions to this definition “gift” including: admission provided to or the cost of food or beverage consumed by a public official, or a member of the household or staff of the public official when accompanying the public official, at a reception, meal or meeting held by an organization when the public official represents state, local or special district. However, this exemption does not extend to relatives of the public official whom are not members of their household.

Senate Bill 293 extends the exemption from statutory gift limit to include admission provided to, or cost of food or beverage consumed by, relative of public official, who accompanies public official at reception, meal or meeting. The exemption would apply to a relative as defined by ORS 244.020 (15).