

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

**Action Date:** 03/26/15

**Action:** Do Pass And Requesting Referral To Ways And Means.

**Meeting Dates:** 03/26

**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires executive and legislative branches to closed-caption all video transmissions starting January 1, 2016. Exempts two-way transmissions between individuals. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Deaf, deaf-blind and hard of hearing Oregonians inability to access or participate in democratic process
- Legislature should be example; should set bar above what is minimally required
- Value of investment to achieve all-government, all-the-time closed-captioning

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon is among only a dozen states that do not provide centralized assistive services to deaf, deaf-blind and hard of hearing persons. Deaf Oregonians share all the same interests and concerns as hearing Oregonians and access to democratic processes promotes participation and civic engagement.

Senate Bill 772 requires closed-captioning of all executive and legislative video transmissions starting January 1, 2016.