

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

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**MEASURE: SB 7 A**

**CARRIER: Sen. Courtney**

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 03/30/15

**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Meeting Dates:** 03/04, 03/30

**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Knopp, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Shields, Steiner Hayward

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Oregon Department of Administrative Services to procure or supervise the procurement of Oregon Health Authority's information technology.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fixing Cover Oregon
- Increase in oversight and accountability for information technology and other areas
- Discretion on entering into information technology contracts
- Oregon Health Authority can procure without Department of Administrative Services oversight in a number of areas, including information technology

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Restores Oregon Health Authority procurement authority for continuing education opportunities related to cultural competency. Provides director with authority to carry out duties.

**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 contracting. 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.