

Senate Bill 481

Sponsored by Senator EDWARDS, Representative NATHANSON (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Legislative Administrator to establish and maintain database to catalog issues reported by constituents to members of Legislative Assembly, state agencies or other public bodies. Authorizes but does not require members of Legislative Assembly or Governor's office to report constituent issues for recording in database. Directs that database be searchable by members of Legislative Assembly and Governor's office.

Requires Legislative Administrator to make annual report to Legislative Assembly and Governor on constituent issues and other specified information garnered from database.

Applies to constituent issues reported on or after January 1, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a constituent issue database; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Administrator shall maintain a database to catalog issues**
5 **reported by constituents or other members of the public to members of the Legislative As-**
6 **sembly or to state agencies or other public bodies.**

7 (2) The database shall be organized by issue and shall be searchable.

8 (3) The administrator shall cause entries to be made in the database for issues reported
9 by a member of the Legislative Assembly or by the Governor's office. Reporting of issues to
10 the administrator, however, is voluntary.

11 (4) Members of the Legislative Assembly or Governor's office who report constituent is-
12 sues to the administrator for recording in the database are encouraged to also report for
13 recording in the database outcomes and actions taken to resolve issues.

14 (5) The database shall be accessible by any member of the Legislative Assembly or by the
15 Governor's office.

16 (6) Database entries are public records, except that constituent names, addresses and
17 other contact information are exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.410 to 192.505.

18 **SECTION 2. (1) The Legislative Administrator shall annually prepare a written report to**
19 **the Legislative Assembly and the Governor that sets forth, for the annual reporting period:**

20 (a) The number of constituent issues reported and the number of legislators reporting
21 constituent issues;

22 (b) The number of issues related to a particular state agency;

23 (c) The number of issues identified by type or issue area;

24 (d) Identifiable trends in constituent issues;

25 (e) Rates of success or failure to address constituent issues to the satisfaction of the
26 constituent, to the extent known to the administrator;

27 (f) Actions taken by agencies to resolve issues, to the extent known to the administrator;

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **and**

2 **(g) The geographic distribution of constituent issues reported to the administrator.**

3 **(2) Reports prepared under subsection (1) of this section shall also be furnished to the**
4 **Legislative Fiscal Officer.**

5 **SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2015 Act apply to constituent issues reported on or**
6 **after January 1, 2016.**

7 **SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
8 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
9 **on its passage.**

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