



**Oregon Secretary of State
Dennis Richardson**

Testimony in Support of SB 227

SB 227 is an essential step forward in the Secretary of State Archives Division's goal of providing Oregonians with a fully searchable online Oregon Administrative Rules Database (OARD). Accomplishing that goal will speed up the current rulemaking notification process outlined in ORS Chapter 183. ORS Chapter 183, as it pertains to Administrative Rules, is generally written for a manual rules filing process and requires the Secretary of State to produce an annual printed compilation of OARs. OARD eliminates the need for paper filings and requests, thus the statute should be modified to fit with an all-electronic system.

Oregon should be the leader in making government more open and transparent for all Oregonians, and this is the next step to do so. We need to better utilize the advances in technology that are all around us and bring our antiquated systems into the 21st century.

Access to the online Rules are cumbersome to search (only one chapter at a time) and limited to an .html view. As the Administrative Rules continue to grow in number and technology advances offer more sophisticated tools for process and access, the Secretary of State – Archives Division is nearing completion of the development of the Oregon Administrative Rules Database (OARD).

This database was developed so that the entire rulemaking process, from creation of a rulemaking action through publication and maintenance is automated and maintained in one database.

Expected to be completed by June 30, 2017, OARD will bring both the filing and publication of Administrative Rules into the 21st century but the statutes need to be updated as well. Updating the existing statutes found in ORS 183.310 and 183-325-183.715 modernizes the language so that it is technology independent and reflects the more modern process that the new Oregon Administrative Rules Database (OARD) will provide to filing and publishing Administrative Rules.

We are fine with the amendment requested by Senator Thatcher.

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