

SB 210 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits cities, counties and special districts to post public notices on websites hosted by the League of Oregon Cities, the Association of Oregon Counties and the Special Districts Association of Oregon. Requires such websites to be searchable and to allow subscribers to receive notices via email for free. Makes explicit that public bodies may enter into agreements to pay for internet publication.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Many legal and government proceedings require notice to interested persons and to parties who may be adversely affected. Depending on the specific proceedings, notice may be served in-person, or by mail, or by publication in a newspaper of general circulation where the individual or individuals are located. Notice by publication is limited to newspapers - other forms of communication including broadcasting over the airwaves or over the internet do not currently constitute legal notice by publication.

Senate Bill 210 allows internet publication to replace newspaper publication of any notice that cities, counties and special districts are required to publish, via websites maintained by the League of Oregon Cities, the Association of Oregon Counties, and the Special Districts Association of Oregon.