

SB 87 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Legislative Information Management and Technology

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows State Chief Information Officer to relieve state contracting agencies and public corporations from obligation to obtain quality management services when implementing information technology initiatives in excess of \$5 million, and permits State Chief Information Officer to require such services for information technology initiatives under \$5 million. Requires State Chief Information Officer to submit a report to Legislative Fiscal Officer by December 31 of each year that identifies information technology initiatives for which the value exceeds \$5 million and State Chief Information Officer determines that quality management services are not necessary. Applicable to advertised information technology initiatives, and to unadvertised information technology initiatives implemented on or after the effective date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Ability of State Chief Information Officer (CIO) to build capability to provide quality management services via internal staff within the office of the State CIO
- Need for state agencies to adapt agency business processes to conform to capabilities available within Commercially available Off the Shelf software products
- Cost of independent quality management services. Potential to lower overall costs of information technology initiatives if internal staff provide quality management services for lower risk initiatives
- Importance of independent quality management services and the need to build internal capacity to provide quality management services for certain lower risk initiatives
- Impact of the measure on the time it may take to obtain quality management services (internal vs. contractor) for lower risk initiatives

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment to the measure requires State Chief Information Officer to submit a report to the Legislative Fiscal Officer by December 31 of each year that identifies information technology initiatives for which the value exceeds \$5 million and State Chief Information Officer determines that quality management services are not necessary.

BACKGROUND:

Current law, ORS 291.035, requires state contracting agencies and public corporations to obtain quality management services from qualified contractors when they implement information technology initiatives in excess of \$5 million, or that meet standards set by the State Chief Information Officer. Some information technology initiatives in excess of \$5 million are lower risk initiatives that could be overseen effectively by internal staff within the office of the State Chief Information Officer at lower cost. Conversely, some information technology initiatives with estimated costs under \$5 million have higher risks that may warrant the use of independent quality management services.

Senate Bill 87 permits the State Chief Information Officer to exercise discretion, to relieve entities from obtaining quality management services for initiatives in excess of \$5 million, or to require such services for initiatives under \$5 million.

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