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**TO:** The Honorable Chuck Riley, Chair  
Senate Committee on General Government and Accountability

**FROM:** Peter Threlkel, Chairperson, Electronic Government Portal Advisory Board

**SUBJECT:** SB 88 – Electronic Government Portals

I am writing to provide information in support of SB 88, specifically those provisions changing the quorum from a majority of the entire advisory board to a majority of its voting members. The board has nine voting member positions and four non-voting member positions.

I have served as the Chairperson for the advisory board since March of 2014 and have been a member of the advisory board since March 2013. During my tenure as Chairperson, we have held seven quarterly public meetings but have not been able to hold four public meetings due to a lack of quorum. Three of those were canceled in advance. Of the seven meetings we have conducted, on multiple occasions we have adjusted the agenda to move all decision-making agenda times into a small amount of time in which we could convene a quorum. In most of the meetings, the meeting would have been cancelled if one member had not attended.

Changing ORS 182.218 (4) & (5) to set quorum requirements to a majority of the voting members will allow the board to reliably fulfill its duties providing advice to the State Chief Information Officer in regard to the electronic government portal.

In regard to changing the term “Convenience Fee” to “Portal Provider Fee”, this change will not impact the operation of the board. Our State Treasurer appointed board member, Cora Parker, brought to our attention, the term “convenience fee” is already widely used in the payment industry, has a specific meaning to that industry and is regulated. The term “Portal Provider Fee” is expected to remove the confusion for those who support processing payments with merchant cards such as Visa or MasterCard.

For these reasons, the members of the Electronic Government Portal Advisory Board support this amendment.