

HB 3274 -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies existing public records exemption. Provides that specified public records prepared for or received by Office of Small Business Assistance are confidential and not subject to disclosure.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-4 Modifies existing public records exemption. Provides that specified public records prepared for or received by Office of Small Business Assistance are confidential and not subject to disclosure by Office of Small Business Assistance. Excludes specified reports. Provides that communications to and from Office of Small Business Assistance are confidential and exempt from disclosure.

BACKGROUND:

Under Oregon's Public Records Law, the general rule is that all government records must be disclosed to the public. A number of statutes modify this rule by prohibiting public bodies from disclosing public records and information.