SB 986 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates requirement that insurer provide annual notice to consumer regarding policies and practices for disclosing personal information if the insurer provides such information to nonaffiliated third parties only in accordance with applicable law and insurer has not changed privacy policies and practices.

- No expenditure or revenue impacts
- Senate vote 29-0

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Conforming Oregon statutes to federal law
- Reducing paper mailed to policyholders

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, enacted in 1999, seeks to protect consumer financial privacy by limiting when financial institutions may disclose a consumer's nonpublic personal information to nonaffiliated third parties.

Current Oregon law specifies that insurers must provide information regarding personal information disclosure practices to policy holders when the policy is issued and annually thereafter. Senate Bill 986 allows insurers to provide notice of personal information practices only upon initial issuance of the policy and following changes to the insurer's privacy policies and practices.