

**SB 890 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/1

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Retains legal privileges applicable to information and records provided by agent of city to elected city auditor, when provided for audit or investigation. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 890-A applies to a city's disclosure of "legally privileged" information to an elected city auditor. Since 1868, the City of Portland has elected an Auditor, whose mission is to promote open and accountable government by providing independent and impartial reviews, access to public information and services for City government and the public. Among other duties, the Portland City Charter charges the Auditor with conducting financial and performance audits, supervising elections, maintaining all official records and providing official certifications required by the Portland city charter. To carry out this authority, the Charter provides that the Auditor "shall have access to all information and records required to conduct an audit or otherwise perform audit duties." Section 2-505 (e). Senate Bill 890-A provides that the disclosure of legally protected information and records by an agent of the city, to the city's elected auditor for purposes of an audit or investigation, does not waive the privilege