

SB 872 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Information Management and Technology

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 4/13, 6/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Oregon Department of Information Technology. Transfers Office of the State Chief Information Officer and all duties, functions, powers and responsibilities related to information resources, information technology and telecommunications from the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to new department. Transfers all duties, functions, powers and responsibilities with respect to procuring and establishing price agreements for goods, services and personal services related to information resources, information technology and telecommunications from the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to the new department. Operative July 1, 2018. Takes effect 91st day after *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- General support for creation of separate IT agency
- Request for time to assess Office of the State CIO and state IT governance and organizational model
- Concerns about transfer of procurement functions
- Subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

There is a longstanding trend among state and local governments across the country, to consolidate information technology and telecommunications functions. The trend toward consolidation is motivated by multiple factors including: the pace of technological evolution; security and interoperability concerns; pressure to control spending; and a desire to improve public services and the public's interaction or experience with government bodies. In addition, state and local governments are continuously working to improve efficiencies by sharing data, infrastructure, technology resources and data management across agencies and political subdivisions in order to improve emergency communications, disaster resilience and continuity of government.

Senate Bill 872-A transfers all information technology and telecommunications powers and responsibilities from the Department of Administrative Services to a new stand-alone agency, the Oregon Department of Information Technology.