

SB 127 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires a person who advertises, offers or sells consumer goods to consumers in Oregon to disclose in the offer or advertisement, and during the sales transaction, the charges that the consumer must pay for handling and shipping the consumer goods.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment] Adds definition of "handling and shipping charges." Adds language related to periodic shipments for a predetermined term, including such shipments for which shipping prices vary.

BACKGROUND:

Current law requires a person selling consumer goods for sale to disclose the costs for shipping and handling of the goods at the time of the sales transaction. The requirement also applies to persons advertising the goods for sale through newspaper, radio, television, print or electronic media.

The last few years have seen a significant increase in the number of sales transactions for consumer goods that occur online, with the consumer goods subsequently shipped to the purchaser. Costs for shipping and handling can vary significantly, depending on the seller, the product shipped, the method of shipment, and the address of both seller and buyer.