

**SB 872 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability**

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**Action Date:** 03/20/17

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. Refer to Legislative Information Management and Technology by prior reference and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 3-0-2-0

**Yeas:** 3 - Hass, Prozanski, Riley

**Exc:** 2 - DeBoer, Thatcher

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes Oregon Department of Information Technology. Transfers all information technology and telecommunications powers and responsibilities to it from Oregon Department of Administrative Services. Operative July 1, 2018. Takes effect 91st day after *sine die*.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- General support for creation of separate agency
- Concerns about procurement functions
- Work on procurement issues during interim
- Subsequent referral to next committee

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Removes emergency clause and adds effective date 91st day after *sine die*. Removes references to performance of constitutional duties of Secretary of State and State Treasurer.

**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.