

**SB 829 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability**

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**Action Date:** 04/03/17

**Action:** Do pass and requesting referral to Ways and Means.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - DeBoer, Hass, Prozanski, Riley, Thatcher

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires closed-captioning of all legislative and executive branch video transmissions starting January 1, 2018. Exempts two-way transmissions between individuals. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Equal access requirements of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Number of hard of hearing persons that do not know American Sign Language (ASL)
- Importance of real-time access and technological advancement
- Variety of alternatives that can translate spoken word into text

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon is among only a handful of states that does not provide centralized assistive services to deaf, deaf-blind and hard of hearing persons, to enable equal access to the policymaking process for deaf individuals as is currently available to hearing individuals and required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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