

SB 88 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. DeBoer

Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability

Action Date: 04/17/17
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - DeBoer, Hass, Prozanski, Riley, Thatcher
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes name of fee to use electronic government portal from "convenience" fee to "portal provider" fee. Clarifies quorum of Electronic Government Portal Advisory Board is majority of voting members.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Similar terms used by payment industry

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes emergency clause.

BACKGROUND:

An electronic government portal is the internet site where a state agency delivers information or products or services. Fees may be charged for the operation or use of such portals. Current statutes refer to such fees as "convenience" fees. The same term is used by the payment industry to describe fees that merchants, including state agencies, may assess customers that pay using credit or debit cards.

Senate Bill 88-A changes "convenience" fee to "portal provider" fee throughout the statutory section referring to fees to use electronic government portals, in order to distinguish it from fees assessed in the payment industry. The measure also clarifies that a quorum of the Electronic Government Portal Advisory Board is a majority of its *voting* members, rather than a majority of members.