

**HB 2874 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Riley

**Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability**

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**Action Date:** 05/31/17

**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

**Vote:** 4-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 4 - DeBoer, Hass, Prozanski, Riley

**Nays:** 1 - Thatcher

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Exempts email addresses, in possession of offices of legislative department, from mandatory disclosure under public records law. Permits disclosure of email addresses used to distribute elective officeholder newsletters, to campaign offices of current officeholders or current candidates for elective office upon their request. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment *sine die*.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Existing protections for email addresses provided to government entities
- Amendment to prohibit further disclosure by campaign offices to third parties

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Prohibits further disclosure of email addresses by campaign offices that were obtained from current officeholders.

**BACKGROUND:**

A member of the public may sign-up through the Oregon legislature's website to receive a variety of information automatically via email including materials directly from individual state senators and representatives; agendas from legislative committees; notifications on legislative employment opportunities; and updates on specific measures as they move through the legislative process. The email address an individual provides in order to receive these alerts and notifications is in the possession of the legislative department. Current law only protects email addresses in the possession of the executive department, local governments, local service districts, and other special government bodies, from automatic disclosure as public records.

House Bill 2874B adds email addresses in the possession of offices of the legislative department to the exemption that already exists for email addresses in the possession of the executive branch, to protect them from automatic disclosure as public records. The exemption applies to email addresses in the possession of the Legislative Assembly, the committees of the Legislative Assembly and all administrative divisions of the Legislative Assembly and its committees, whether identified as boards, commissions or departments or by any other designation. The measure allows the disclosure of email addresses, upon request by the campaign office of a current officeholder or a candidate for office, that are used by current legislative officeholders to distribute newsletters, but prohibits further disclosure by the requestor.