

**HB 2946 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Whisnant

**House Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 05/30/17

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

**Vote:** 8-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Barreto, Holvey, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson

**Exc:** 1 - Hack

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Permits semi-independent agencies and other entities to request links to their websites on Oregon Transparency website, to share information about revenues, expenditures and budgets.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of Oregon Transparency website
- Type of data available on website
- Recognition and awards for website
- Information that is not included on website
- Potential fiscal impact to entity, if they provide data to Oregon Transparency website

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Transparency website, administered by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), was established in 2009 by House Bill 2500 to make information about state agency revenues, expenditures, contracting, human resources and other data publicly available at one location. Since 2009, the legislature has expanded the information that is posted on the website to include information about education service districts, Oregon Administrative Rules and agency rulemaking processes; local governments and special districts; and quasi-public agencies. The website assists Oregonians' understanding how government works, how tax dollars are spent and how budgetary decisions are made. An individual can find information about: public meetings (including monthly, quarterly and annual calendars for state boards and commissions); state budget processes including information about Oregon's revenue system; legislatively adopted budgets versus Governor's budgets; state agency and school district expenditure reports; and local governments. The Transparency Oregon Advisory Commission advises DAS on the content and operation of the website.

House Bill 2946-A allows entities such as semi-independent state agencies, public universities, Oregon Health and Science University, the Oregon Tourism Commission, the Oregon Film and Video Office, the Travel Information Council, the Children's Trust Fund, Oregon Corrections Enterprises, the State Accident Insurance Fund (SAIF), the Oregon Utility Notification Center and any state-designated public corporation to request that the Oregon Transparency website post a link to information on their established websites about revenues, expenditures and budgets.