

SB 88 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Kennemer

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 05/30/17

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

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

Exc: 1 - Hack

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 that quorum of Electronic Government Portal Advisory Board (Board) is majority of *voting* members.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Challenges Board has reaching quorum with number of non-voting members
- "Convenience" fee is term used by payment industry

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

An electronic governmental portal is the Internet site where a state agency delivers information, products or services. Fees may be charged for the operation or use of such portals. Current statutes refer to the fees as "convenience" fees. This is the same term used by the payment industry to describe fees that merchants, including state agencies, may assess customers who 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, for the purpose of distinguishing it from fees assessed in the payment industry. In addition, the measure clarifies that a quorum of the Electronic Government Portal Advisory Board is a majority of its *voting* members, rather than a majority of members.