

HB 2946 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Thatcher

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 06/28/17
Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Ferrioli, Roblan
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs State Chief Information Officer to include links on Oregon Transparency website to websites of certain semi-independent state agencies, public universities, statewide programs and public corporations. 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
- Information currently included on website
- Annual improvements to website

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Transparency website, administered by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and maintained by the State Chief Information Officer, 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 website to include information about education service districts, Oregon Administrative Rules, agency rulemaking processes, local governments, special districts, and quasi-public agencies. The website assists Oregonians in 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 permits 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, 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.