



**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

**MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Honorable Chuck Riley, Chair  
Senate Committee on General Government and Accountability

FROM: Aaron Knott, Legislative Director  
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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 1565 – E-Procurement

This testimony is presented in support of Senate Bill 1565.

The Department of Justice is one of three agencies, along with the Department of Administrative Services and Department of Transportation, with direct procurement authority in Oregon, but 85 executive branch agencies (excluding the Judiciary, Lotto, and Secretary of State) operate within the procurement process headed by those three agencies. Maintaining continuity and best practices across such a wide and diverse array of public bodies is a recognized and continuing challenge. The current procurement tracking system – ORPIN – was developed in 2005. This system is not optimally integrated with other aspects of the state's financial system and allows only limited tracking of agency expenses.

Senate Bill 1565 takes an important step in modernizing the procurement processes of the State of Oregon. This bill contemplates that the Attorney General will join the Department of Administrative Services and Department of Transportation, a group comprising the primary procurement agencies for the State, in developing a set of rules and governing principles in developing an electronic procurement system. This system will bring efficiencies to the state and our many partner contractors and vendors. Our state needs a centralized solution. We look forward to collaborating with our partner agencies in the development of this important system and urge the passage of SB 1565.

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