



Oregon Secretary of State's Office

Testimony on SB 1565

We are glad to see the Governor moving forward with a statewide e-procurement system in SB 1565. The Secretary of State's procurement officer has been working with several other agencies to implement an e-procurement system at a smaller scale, and we are excited about the efficiency opportunities that could be created by full statewide implementation.

Consistent with the purpose of SB 1565 to increase efficiency, the Secretary of State and the Treasurer would appreciate two minor changes that are incorporated into the committee's -2 amendment. The Governor's Office is fine with the changes.

First, the bill currently requires the Secretary of State and Treasurer to follow DAS/DOJ/ODOT rules in Section 2(3) in order to use the state e-procurement system, which is likely to be an off-the-shelf product. This is bad public policy as it forces us to pay a much higher price to use the same e-procurement system on our own in order to maintain our constitutional independence from DAS/DOJ/ODOT rules. To avoid this inefficiency and conserve taxpayer money for other state programs, the -2 amendment ensures that we have the option to participate at the statewide negotiated price without forgoing our constitutional independence.

Second, consistent with our constitutional independence, the -2 amendment exempts the Secretary of State and Treasurer from the requirement to report to DAS in Section 5(9)(b) and instead require that our procurement officers report directly to the Secretary of State and Treasurer respectively.

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