

SB 670 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits name of Secretary of State, county clerk or other filing officer from appearing in official capacity in voters' pamphlet or on return identification envelope, secrecy envelope or any instructions or materials included with ballot, if Secretary, clerk or officer is candidate in election.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, Washington state prohibited state and local elections officials from including their name, in an official capacity as the elections official, in the voters' pamphlet or on the security envelope, return envelope or any voting instructions or materials included with the ballot, if the official is a candidate for office during the same year. See, e.g. R.C.W. 29A.32.070. Senate Bill 670 would apply a similar rule to Oregon's state and local election officials.