

**SB 761 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Boquist

**Senate Committee On Rules**

**Minority Report**

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**Action Date:** 06/12/19

**Action:** Do pass with different amendments. (Printed A-Eng.) Minority

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Report Signers:** Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr., Sen. Brian Boquist

**Prepared By:** Josh Nasbe, Counsel

**Meeting Dates:** 3/13, 5/20, 6/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Secretary of State to conduct study of electronic signature sheets and report to Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020. Requires Secretary to include recommendation on whether additional legislation is necessary to enhance effective use of electronic signature sheets.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Democracy and grassroots organizing
- Reports of abuse
- Validation rates of electronic signature sheets

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 250.052(6) requires the Secretary of State to prepare an official electronic template of a signature sheet for each state initiative, referendum, and recall petition. This statutory subsection requires that the sheet allow space for the signature of one elector and authorizes an elector to print out the sheet, sign it, and deliver it to the chief petitioner or the chief petitioner's agent.