

SB 538 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows state agency to accept credit card as payment of a charge or fee imposed on a member of the public for goods or services. Permits state agency to add surcharge to offset fees charged to state agency for accepting credit card payment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Several Oregon laws govern state agency acceptance of credit card payments and the imposition of a surcharge to offset fees associated with the acceptance of a credit card payment. For example, ORS 496.148 authorizes the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to accept payment by credit card for products or services. ORS 802.112 specifies when the Department of Transportation may impose a surcharge on any fee paid with a credit card.

Senate Bill 538 permits any state agency to accept credit card for charges or fees imposed on members of the public.