

## HB 3167 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Rules

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Modifies definitions of "bona fide subscriber" and "newspaper" and defines "digital facsimile newspaper" as an online newspaper delivered in electronic form formatted identically to the printed newspaper to allow for publication of legal notices in digital facsimile newspaper.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Replaces the measure. Modifies definitions of "bona fide subscriber" and "newspaper" and adds definition of "digital newspaper" to allow for publication of legal notices in digital newspaper. Defines digital newspaper as online newspaper delivered in electronic form formatted identically to the printed newspaper. Specifies that newspaper is published for the dissemination of local or nonlocal news and at least 25 percent is locally and originally produced. Allows newspaper to have any number of bona fide subscribers during a period during which no newspaper exists to publish legal notices, not to exceed 12 months after last remaining newspaper ceases operations. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

ORS Chapter 193 establishes the requirements for legal notices in newspaper publications and radio and television broadcasts. For newspapers, public notices shall be published in any newspaper, as defined by statute, that is published within the county, city, district, or jurisdiction where the action, suit, or other proceeding is pending or is to be commenced. If no newspaper meeting the definition is published in the county, city, district, or jurisdiction, public notice must be given in the nearest published newspaper or in any publication that is published at least once a month in the county, city, district, or jurisdiction.

House Bill 3167 changes the definitions to allow publication of legal notices in both printed newspapers and digital facsimile newspapers.