

SB 11 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Tran

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Action Date: 05/09/23

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

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Conrad, Dexter, Evans, Grayber, Hieb, Lewis, Tran

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/27, 5/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires state boards or commissions that conduct public meetings through telephone or other electronic means, record and promptly publish meeting recordings on a website or hosting service so the public may observe or listen to meetings free of charge. Applies to state boards and commissions within the executive department, and whose members are subject to Senate confirmation. Exempts from requirement meetings lawfully conducted in executive session.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Benefits of publicly posted committee proceedings
- Storage capacity and online hosting of meeting proceedings
- Proposed measure applies only to state boards and commission meetings

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Clarifies that any state board or commission that is within the executive department and whose members are subject to Senate confirmation, are required to record and publish their meetings.

BACKGROUND:

Current law allows state boards or commissions to conduct public meetings through telephone or other electronic means, in accordance with public meetings law. The public must be given at least one place where, or one electronic method by which, the meeting can be observed, and must be given the opportunity to access and attend the meeting. Under ORS 192.650 all state boards or commissions must either provide a sound, video, or digital recording or written minutes of its meetings and make those recordings or minutes available to the public within a reasonable time after the meeting.

Senate Bill 11 A requires executive department and Senate confirmed state boards or commissions that conduct public meetings through telephone or other electronic means, record and promptly publish the meeting on a publicly accessible website or hosting service.