74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session **MEASURE:** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY **CARRIER:** House Committee on Government Accountability and Information Technology

| FISCAL: No fiscal impact | |
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| Action: | Do Pass and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| Vote: | 5 - 0 - 0 |
| Yeas: | Beyer, Edwards C., Girod, Thatcher, Riley |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | 0 |
| Prepared By: | Patrick Brennan, Administrator |
| Meeting Dates: | 1/30 |

REVENUE: No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the Secretary of State to reduce fees for filing certain documents related to the Uniform Commercial Code.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Efforts to streamline electronic filing
- Statutory flexibility to make similar change elsewhere that does not exist in this case •
- Opportunity to pass savings on to customers •

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Secretary of State maintains records of financing statements related to perfection of security interests and agricultural liens. The Secretary of State currently charges a fee of \$10 for filing and indexing records. Requests for information from filing offices are also currently assessed a \$10 processing fee. House Bill 2091 deletes the requirement that the Secretary of State charge a fee of \$10 for such transactions, and instead allows the Secretary to charge a fee of up to \$10 for such transactions.