## 74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules

<b>REVENUE:</b> No revenue impact	
FISCAL: No fiscal impact	
Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	6 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Roblan, Thatcher, Rosenbaum
Nays:	-
Exc.:	Hunt
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Meeting Dates:	4/13, 4/20

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Legislative Administration Committee staff to install and maintain links, and other material, on individual member web-pages of the Legislative Assembly website as directed by the individual members.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Legislative Administration Committee (LAC) policies on Internet links posted on member web-pages
- Concerns about propriety of some links that may be posted by individual members
- History of policy changes on this issue, resulting release form •
- Censorship and free speech ٠
- Number of links posted on legislator web-pages as of March 2006
- Responsibility and accountability of each member for information on each member's web-pages ٠

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The staff of the Legislative Administration Committee (LAC), headed by the Legislative Administrator, maintains the website for the Oregon Legislative Assembly at http://www.leg.state.or.us/, including web-pages for each legislator. LAC has developed an "Acknowledgment and Release" form for legislators to sign, releasing staff from liability that may result from legislator use of web-pages provided through LAC.