74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Rules

MEASURE: CARRIER:

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued	
Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	3 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Avakian, Monnes Anderson, Brown
Nays:	Ferrioli, Kruse
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Marjorie Taylor, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	6/13, 6/16

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows electors to file a complaint that a ballot title does not represent the most recent change to Oregon statute. Establishes process for filing a complaint with the Secretary of State. Establishes process for the Attorney General to draft a revised ballot title. Establishes process for the Supreme Court to review a revised ballot title. Act applies to measures that would be submitted to the November 2008 General Election. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Parts of a ballot title
- Ballot title drafting and challenge process
- Most recent change to Oregon statute, Oregon Constitution or federal law
- · Application of measure to initiatives qualified for signature gathering

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Currently, there is no process to modify a certified ballot title when changes to statute occur after a ballot title is certified. SB 125A establishes a process that will allow for modification of ballot titles when substantial changes occur in statutory law. New ballot titles will provide voters with the most correct information to consider when voting on proposed measures.