

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – Senate: Sen. Rosenbaum

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Fiscal:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure with Amendments to Resolve Conflicts and be Printed B-Engrossed

**Vote:** 22 – 0 – 3

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Kotek, McLane, Richardson, G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc: Komp, Nathanson, Nolan

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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**Meeting Date:** June 15, 2011

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** House Bill 2257 Allows for or requires the electronic filing of certain documents with the Secretary of State for inclusion in voters' pamphlets. The measure requires the Secretary of State to adopt an electronic filing system for the filing of these documents using the Internet.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- No discussion

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Resolves conflicts.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Voters' Pamphlet was first published by the Secretary of State in 1904 to disseminate the text of measures to be voted on by the people of Oregon. Starting in 1910, the legislature ordered that information about State level candidates running for office also be included. Oregon became one of the first states to print and distribute such a publication. One copy of the Voters' Pamphlet is mailed to every household in the state preceding every primary and general election, and special elections involving state measures or candidates for state office. The SOS currently accepts paper filings and would continue to do so since the electronic filing of some of the documents is optional. The Secretary of State reports that the electronic filing system required by the bill would be completed through the development of an additional module in their ORESTAR system.