

HB 2325 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Secretary of State to adopt rules identifying method by which Secretary will send notice related to certain business filings. Retains postal requirement for notices related to administrative dissolution and suspension or revocation of authority to transact business in this state. Reduces filing fee, from \$275 to \$100, for certain documents filed on behalf of Indian tribe or by entity authorized to conduct business by Indian tribe. Takes effect 91 days after sine die. Becomes operative on July 1, 2020.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Domestic vs. foreign entities
- Tribal sovereignty and economic development
- Efficiencies of e-mail and costs of postal mail

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Requires recipients of business notice to opt-in to delivery method other than postal mail.

BACKGROUND:

The Secretary of State is responsible for maintaining a wide array of business records on behalf of the public. These records include corporate registrations and annual reports, trade and service marks and Uniform Commercial Code filings required to perfect a lien. State statutes govern the manner in which these records are filed, the associated fee for filing the records and the obligation of the Secretary to provide certain notices related to these records.

House Bill 2325 makes two changes to the Secretary's obligations as business records filing officer. First, the bill authorizes the Secretary to identify by rule an alternative method for sending notices related to certain business filings that is, instead of or or in addition to, a written notice sent by mail. Second, the bill reduces the filing fee, from \$275 to \$100, for certain business filings made by one of Oregon's nine federally recognized Indian Tribes or by an entity authorized to conduct business by one of the Tribes.