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To: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government

From: Haylee Morse-Miller, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 6, 2019

Subject: HB 2998 – Relating to the language of documents submitted to the Secretary of State for filing

HB 2998 requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to make business filing forms available in five of the most commonly spoken languages in Oregon, including Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Russian and Korean.

The measure includes an increased expenditure limitation of \$50,000 Other Funds to allow SOS to translate 70 business filing forms into the five specified languages. Forms will be available at the SOS Corporation Division’s public counter and as PDFs on the SOS website.

The bill, preliminary staff measure summary, and fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS). LFO recommends adoption of the - A6 amendment, which removes the requirement that SOS provide forms electronically and hire four new staff bilingual staff in the Business Registration Information Center. The amendment also provides limitation for translation services.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the - A6 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the - A6 amendment to HB 2998. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2998, as amended by the - A6 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 2998, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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