SB 315   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Exempts from required disclosure business, commercial, financial, operational, and research data and information furnished to, developed by, or generated in connection with ownership and operation of unmanned aerial system test range if disclosure of information would cause competitive disadvantage to the test range or its users. Takes effect on 91s day after adjournment *sine die*.

REVENUE: no impact

FISCAL: minimal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
• Economic benefit of publicly-owned unmanned aerial system (UAS) test range
• Relative merits of industry-specific public records exemption

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under Oregon law, every person has the right to inspect any public record of a public body in this state, subject to exemptions. Unless otherwise expressly provided by statute, the custodian of any public record must furnish proper and reasonable opportunities for inspection and examination of the records. A public body must respond to a written public records request as soon as practicable and without unreasonable delay. A response to a public records request is complete when the public body provides access to the requested public record information, asserts an exemption, or provides a combination of the two when some information is exempt and some is not exempt.

According to the Oregon Department of Aviation, Oregon is home to three unmanned aerial system (UAS) test ranges. These test range sites in Pendleton, Tillamook, and Warm Springs provide support for developers who need protected and regulated air space to conduct UAS product tests.

Senate Bill 315 creates a public records exemption for information furnished to, developed by, or generated in connection with the ownership and operation of a UAS test range if disclosure of the information would cause a competitive disadvantage to the test range or its users.