

SB 250 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 6/9, 6/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes regular business hours for county clerks of at least four hours per day and 30 hours per week for receipt and certification of instruments presented for recording. Allows for reduction of hours in certain circumstances. Allows for the reduction of hours for training programs, but not to exceed two business day closures per year. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Senate Vote: Ayes, 28; Nays, 1--Thomsen

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need identified during COVID-19 pandemic and wildfires
- Providing flexibility for county clerk hours

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law states that the county clerk must be open for the receipt and certification of instruments presented for recording for a minimum of six hours between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, including the first and last hour of every day, Monday through Friday, except for holidays. Senate Bill 250 A establishes regular business hours for this purpose at four hours per day and 30 hours per work week, and allows for the reduction in hours for certain circumstances, including holidays, trainings, a declared state of emergency, and any other event that poses a safety risk to the public and office staff.