

HB 2490 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Nathanson

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Action Date: 03/16/23

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

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Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/9, 3/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Exempts from public records disclosure law certain cybersecurity documents, records, or plans protecting computers, information technology, or communications systems from threat or attack.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Increased volume of cybersecurity threats at government agencies
- Examples of local government cybersecurity attacks
- Similar legislation in other states

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law provides that every person has a right to inspect any public record of a public body in the state, with some exemptions. Current exemptions from public records disclosure include personally identifiable information, information related to the Oregon Health Authority, and sensitive insurance information, among other exemptions.

House Bill 2490 exempts from public records disclosure cybersecurity documents that protect computer, information technology, or communications systems from threat or attack. This includes records that depend for their effectiveness upon a lack of public knowledge and contractual and insurance records that document cybersecurity specifications.