

SB 910 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Prozanski

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 03/28/23

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 3-2-0-0

Yeas: 3 - Gelser Blouin, Manning Jr, Prozanski

Nays: 2 - Linthicum, Thatcher

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact, statement issued (Indeterminate Impact)

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Meeting Dates: 3/14, 3/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides that on-street and off-street parking pay stations that accept either coins or currency as one method of payment, or on-street and off-street parking pay stations that do not accept coins or currency, but provide readily available access to patrons to another pay station that accepts coins or currency, are exempt from the requirement of accepting U.S. coins and currency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Senate Bill 1565 (2022) which focused on expanding equity in payment by requiring cash options
- Exemptions
- Operational shifts from in person to auto pay stations
- Importance of allowing cities to adopt payment methods that are more efficient while still being accessible
- Removing the use of coins reduced costs
- Understanding that some people do not have cell phone access
- 97 percent of purchases at the Portland airport are credit-card based
- Language "readily available" should be clear and well defined

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Statute requires public accommodations offering goods or services to accept United States coins and currency from patrons, unless the accommodation qualifies for an exception. Parking pay stations are currently allowed to not accept currency, so long as they accept coins.

Senate Bill 910 would allow parking pay stations to accept coins or currency or would allow parking pay stations to not accept coins or currency, as long as there was readily available access to another pay station that accepts coins or currency.