

SB 651 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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Meeting Dates: 1/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Secretary of State to study methods for reducing the paperwork filing burden on businesses in this state. The measure requires the Secretary of State to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to business by September 15, 2026. Sunsets on January 2, 2027.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Constitution provides for the election of a Secretary of State and outlines the duties of the Secretary of State. Article VI, Section 1, of the Oregon Constitution permits the Secretary of State to be assigned "other duties" by law. The Secretary of State serves as Oregon's chief elections officer, chief auditor, and oversees the State Archives, and the Oregon Corporations Division. The Secretary of State also serves as one of three members of the State Land Board and as the chair of the Oregon Sustainability Board. Within the Secretary of State's office, there are several divisions, including the Business Services Division and the Corporation Division. The Corporation Division is responsible for registering new businesses and provides information support to businesses.

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