

HB 3230 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Information Management and Technology

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

House Bill 3230 directs the State Chief Information Officer to contract with a third party to study how the executive department within state government oversees, manages, and uses information technology and provide recommendations and a plan for improvement. Requires the State Chief Information Officer to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a yet to be determined date in 2026. The Act takes effect on its passage.

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

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

Detailed Summary:

- Requires the State Chief Information Officer to contract for an independent assessment of the information technology environment within the executive department.
- Requires the assessment to:
 - Be completed by a yet to be determined date in 2026;
 - Include an examination of current information technology governance programs, organizational and operational environments;
 - Identify and describe alternatives;
 - Recommend information technology governance, organizational, and operational models that may be adopted to improve performance, operations, and resources within the executive department; and,
 - Include a gap analysis to compare the current and recommended information technology environments and to provide a plan to implement the recommendations, including estimated costs and timeframes.
- Directs the State Chief Information Officer to submit a report on the results of the assessment and recommendations to the Governor and the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology and any other appropriate legislative committee no later than a yet to be determined date in 2026.
- Requires the report the State Chief Information Officer submits to provide the results of the assessment and include a budget request to carry out the plan to implement the recommendations.

Effective date:

- Declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to conduct a comprehensive assessment to fully understand the "current state" of Oregon's IT environment and compare against best practices approaches across the nation.
- Need for a strategy to guide Oregon's deployment and use of technology into the future.
- Benefits of the implementation of cloud-based technologies - increased innovation, operational efficiencies, cost effectiveness, enhanced cybersecurity.
- Expected duration to complete the kind of assessment envisioned within the measure. Time to complete a procurement to contract with a third party will influence the overall timeline from the effective date of the measure, completion of the assessment, and final submission of the report.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 The amendment modifies Section 1(4) of the measure and directs the independent assessment to be completed no later than March 31, 2026. Further, the amendment modifies Section 1(5) of the measure and directs the State Chief Information Officer to submit the required report to the Governor and the Legislature no later than April 30, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

During the 2023 legislative session and during the 2022-2023 and 2023-24 legislative interims, the State Chief Information Officer presented information to the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology and to the General Government Subcommittee for the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, on the current IT Governance, Organizational, and Operational models that exist within the Executive Branch of Oregon state government. In each instance, committee Co-Chairs and the State Chief Information Officer have discussed and agreed that an assessment of the current IT environment within the Executive Branch was warranted as it has been nearly 10 years since the last assessment was conducted.

During the 2024 legislative session, Senate Bill 1546 was introduced at the request of the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology. If passed and signed into law, Senate Bill 1546 would have, among other directives, required the State Chief Information Officer to contract for an independent assessment of the information technology environment within the executive department, to include recommendations for improving performance, operations and resources. Following a public hearing and work session, the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology recommended that Senate Bill 1546 be reported out do-pass as amended and referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.