

HB 2565 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure exempts federally funded research and development centers included by the National Science Foundation in the Master Government List of Federally Funded R&D Centers from the Public Contracting Code. It takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.

Fiscal impact: No fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

HOUSE VOTE: Ayes, 53; Nays, 0

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Security clearances and access to data and material at national labs
- Coordination with the Hanford Site

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Contracting Code (PCC) consists of chapters 279, 279A, 279B, and 279C of the Oregon Revised Statutes. The PCC applies to state and local government agencies and public educational institutions when procuring goods and services, or contracting for construction, engineering, and related services. It applies to public contracts that occur in Oregon, with some exemptions.

The National Science Foundation maintains the Master Government [List](#) of Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs). FFRDCs trace their origins to World War II, when the federal government sought to develop technologies to aid U.S. war efforts. They are government-owned, contractor-operated research centers sponsored or co-sponsored by federal agencies, designed to meet a special research or development need, and have special access to some sensitive and proprietary data that common contracts do not offer. The list does not currently contain any Oregon facilities; the University of Oregon's Center for the Advanced Study of Educational Administration was phased out as an FFRDC in 1972.

House Bill 2565 A exempts FFRDCs from the Public Contracting Code.