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House Bill 4135

Public access to information regarding the affairs and activities of government entities and public officials is the hallmark of excellence in state government.

Background

In light of past events, the Governor continues to make transparency a priority. The Governor recently signed an executive order requiring state agencies to comply with recommendations issued in the Secretary of State's recent audit of state agencies and their responses to public records requests. In complement to that order, HB 4135 is an immediate legislative step to ensure that Oregonians may access public information in a timely manner.

What the bill does

The bill creates technical public records positions within the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to aid DAS and all executive branch agencies with large requests regarding electronic records. Specifically, the bill addresses challenges agencies face with electronic records searches by:

- Directing the State CIO to establish and maintain uniform and consistent process standards and protocols for searching for and producing electronic public records requests in executive branch agencies.
- Directing DAS to provide central processing of public records requests on behalf of agencies for which the department is the custodian of the electronic records.
- Directing DAS to coordinate fulfilling electronic records requests affecting multiple agencies in the Executive Branch to ensure consistent, timely record production.
- Directing DAS to provide technical assistance to executive branch agencies in searching for and producing electronic records responsive to public records requests.

Fiscal impact

The agency anticipates two positions to act as technical advisors under the bill.

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