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**TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT BILL LACKS TEETH
House Democrat Legislation Lacks Complete Oversight Needed**

SALEM, OR - Legislation claiming to correct problems raised by the Cover Oregon technology failure came under fire today on the floor of the Oregon House for not going far enough and correcting the problem. HB 4122 has been touted by House Democrats and Governor Kitzhaber as a key fix to future technology oversight but in reality is just a minor tweak to what is already being done and falls short of increasing real oversight.

"This bill lacks real enforcement and still leaves the Legislature and public in the dark after a review is done," said Rep. Mike McLane (R - Powell Butte) the House Republican Leader. "Under this bill, agencies, the executive branch, and public corporations like Cover Oregon will still be able to ignore red flags like they did with Cover Oregon."

HB 4122 falls short on several accounts:

- The bill only provides oversight of the technology contractor and not of the actual project, agency, public corporation or overall governance;
- The bill does not require oversight reports to go to the Legislature or be made public. Thus, it will still be possible for another Cover Oregon situation to occur and the agency, public corporation and executive branch to ignore red flags;
- The bill does not get to the bottom of the existing Cover Oregon technology debacle. It simply codifies a current practice by the Department of Administrative Services and extends it to certain exempt agencies like the Oregon Health Authority, and public corporations like Cover Oregon.

"Where this bill really falls short is that it does not require the quality management services contractor to oversee the overall IT project," said Rep. Dennis Richardson (R - Central Point). "The entire project needs oversight, including the agency, the contractor, internal staff and overall governance. This bill would have done nothing to prevent the Cover Oregon fiasco."

To watch a video of Rep. McLane's remonstrance on the House floor regarding the inadequacy of HB 4122, [click here](#).