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## Ever Feel Like Your Pocket Is Being Picked Online? Senate Passes Measure to Disclose Fees in Transactions

Senate Bill 430 requires sellers to list all fees and charges online

**SALEM, OR** – Whether it's called a "convenience charge," a "service fee," or something else, extra costs tacked onto online purchases without warning will be prohibited in Oregon under a measure passed by Oregon Senate Democrats today.

Senate Bill 430 says anyone selling goods or services online to Oregonians must include required fees and charges in the price they advertise or display on a website. Even though actual costs to ship a product and taxes are exempt from the bill, the seller still must declare those costs to the purchaser.

"I had the same kind of frustrating experience we all deal with: going online to buy a ticket to a baseball game thinking it was one price, and then having to pay extra fees on top of fees," said **Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Floyd Prozanski (D – Eugene).** "Consumers have the 'right to know' how much an item will cost in an online transaction before confirming the purchase."

Oregon Senate Democrats were joined by one Republican in supporting SB 430. It passed 18 to 11 and now goes to the Oregon House of Representatives.

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