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## State adds language-translation feature to Web sites State Web sites now offers information in 25 more languages

Salem—Oregon state government has added a powerful language translation feature to its official Web sites, giving users the ability to view those sites in 25 languages in addition to English, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services announced Friday.

A product of Google, the translation feature—Google Translate—is available on Oregon.gov, said Wally Rogers, Oregon’s E-Government Manager. “Our goal was to find a translation service that’s both reliable and accurate while minimizing the cost, and Google Translate fills the bill,” Rogers said. “We are able to offer Google’s page translation service for over 40,000 pages without spending a dollar. By adding this feature to our Web sites, we can make important government information available to more people who need it. Here in Oregon we have many residents who speak languages other than English, and we have increased our ability to reach out to them through Oregon.gov.”

Visitors to Oregon.gov will now find a “drop-down” box in the upper right corner of every state Web site for which the address ends in “Oregon.gov”. The label on the box is “Select Language.” The user simply activates the box by clicking on it and selecting any one of the 25 available languages. The page then quickly appears in the selected language.

The following languages are now available on the state Web sites, in addition to English:

- Arabic
- Chinese (simplified and traditional)
- Danish
- Dutch
- Filipino
- Finnish
- French
- German
- Greek
- Hindi
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean

Malay  
Norwegian  
Persian  
Portuguese  
Russian  
Spanish  
Swahili  
Swedish  
Thai  
Ukrainian  
Vietnamese