House Bill 4143

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Requires Legislative Fiscal Officer to prepare employment impact statements for legislative measures reported out of committee that affect employment in this state. Sets forth required content of statements.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to employment impacts of proposed legislation.

Whereas Oregon's unemployment rate has remained stubbornly high amidst the global recession;

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Whereas state government and local governments in Oregon need to use public resources wisely to keep Oregonians employed and spending locally; and

Whereas budget reductions need to be done wisely to ensure that the reductions do the least harm to the economy while being cognizant of and vigilant in promoting new opportunities that bolster new hiring in this state; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Fiscal Officer, with the aid of the Legislative Revenue Officer, the Employment Department, state agencies and affected local government units, including school districts, shall prepare an employment impact statement on each measure reported out of a committee of the Legislative Assembly that could have an effect on employment in this state. Each employment impact statement shall include:

- (a) An estimate of jobs lost, retained or created in this state;
- (b) An explanation of whether the jobs described in paragraph (a) of this subsection are permanent or temporary positions;
- (c) An analysis of indirect impacts of the employment changes on the overall economy, including effects of the measure on public sector and private sector employment; and
- (d) An analysis of the types of jobs affected by the measure, setting forth salary and benefit changes expected if the measure becomes law.
- (2) The Legislative Fiscal Officer shall publish guidance setting forth the methodologies, assumptions and factors used in preparing employment impact statements under this section.

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