

2007 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2021 **STATUS:** A-Engrossed
SUBJECT: Public contract specifications for prevailing wage rate information; contracting agency liability
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Public works contracting agencies, Bureau of Labor and Industries
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	<u>2007-2009</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>
EXPENDITURES: See Comments.		

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: The measure would have no direct impact on expenditures of agencies subject to the requirement to include the appropriate state and federal prevailing wage rate information in specifications for a public works contract. It cannot be determined whether, or when, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries would enforce the provisions for failure to provide the information, but the agency assumes the number of cases would not be material.

For the purpose of fiscal impact statements, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) considers each measure as a single possible enactment. LFO notes, however, that HB 2944 A-Engrossed is currently under consideration in the Senate. HB 2944 A-Engrossed redefines "public works" to include certain projects that use both public agency and private funds. The State Treasurer indicates that if both HB 2944 A-Engrossed and HB 2021 A-Engrossed were to be enacted, the combined effect could have an impact on agencies that provide project loan financing from bonds issued by the State of Oregon. Examples include loan programs through the Department of Energy, Housing and Community Services Department, and Oregon Economic and Community Development Department.