

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Avakian, Gordly, Monroe, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: Beyer
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Meeting Dates: 3/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies statute reference under which a person may apply for a hearing regarding the assessment of civil penalty by the Director of the Employment Department for a violation concerning the transfer or acquisition of a trade or business.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: HB 2249 corrects an oversight in cross-referencing sections of law from HB 2124 (2005), which prohibits businesses from transferring or acquiring a business primarily for the purpose of obtaining a lower unemployment tax rate, otherwise known as "SUTA dumping." While HB 2124 referenced ORS 657.283 as the basis for the Oregon Employment Department to request and hold a hearing on state unemployment tax dumping decisions, the bill failed to add ORS 657.480, relating to the effect of transferring of a trade or business, into ORS 657.283.