

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 2
Yeas: Berger, Edwards C., Holvey, Rosenbaum, Schaufler
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Meeting Dates: 2/5, 2/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits re-employment of Public Employees Retirement System members who retire with a total lump sum option for the first six months following retirement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, retired Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) members who choose to take a total lump sum retirement option can only return to work within the first six months of their retirement if the employer declares the retired member as a “casual, seasonal, or emergency employee,” working up to 599 hours during the first six months. This has caused confusion and the possibility of inequitable treatment of retirees.

HB 2285 establishes a clear statutory prohibition of retirees who take the total lump sum option from working for a PERS-covered employer in the first six months of retirement. The bill establishes that PERS retirees who have been retired for more than six calendar months can be re-employed by a participating public employer, but can only acquire benefits under the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan.