

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	5 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Berger, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Schaufler
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Rosenbaum, Smith P.
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Meeting Dates:	2/28, 3/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows a member of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan's individual account program to receive vested amounts in the member's employee account and employer account over a period that is equal to the anticipated life span of the member.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of payout options under the Public Employees Retirement System programs
- Measure remedies the potential for retirees outliving the current payment schedule options

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Under ORS 238A.400, a member of the individual account program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan (OPSRP) can receive vested amounts in "substantially equal installments" paid over a period of 5, 10, 15, or 20 years in lieu of a lump sum payment. At the time the statute was drafted, it was anticipated that 20 years would be a sufficient amount of time for a payout. However, in the case of some public safety personnel retirees who retire in their early to mid-50s, a 20-year period may not be long enough as they will likely outlive the payment schedule.

HB 2679 allows the member to receive vested amounts over a period that is equal to the anticipated life span of the member as actuarially determined by the Public Employees Retirement Board.