

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 6 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Berger, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Rosenbaum, Schaufler
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Meeting Dates: 5/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Limits the types of employment that will end an individual's disqualification from receiving unemployment insurance benefits to employment that is subject to tax imposed by the Federal Unemployment Tax Act and employment that is required to be covered under state Employment Department Law as a condition for employers to receive federal tax credit.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure
- Whether other states have similar statutes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon law disqualifies claimants from unemployment insurance who quit or refuses work without good cause, or is discharged for misconduct connected with work. To re-qualify for unemployment insurance, a person needs to have earnings that equal or exceed four times the weekly benefit amount. However, there is no requirement that the employment be in a job subject to unemployment insurance. The Employment Department states that this is a problem because, for example, a person could claim he earned \$600 by repairing his brother's car, and it would be difficult for the Employment Department to verify that claim.

SB 195 would require the employment be subject to unemployment insurance; either in Oregon, another state, Canada, or with the federal government. A person would no longer be able to use non-subject wages to end a disqualification.