

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Avakian, Beyer, Gordly, Monroe, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 1/29, 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires claimants who are disqualified from unemployment insurance benefits to be employed in a job subject to unemployment insurance before they can requalify for benefits.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect on self-employed workers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon law disqualifies claimants from unemployment insurance who quit or refuse work without good cause, or are discharged for misconduct connected with work. To requalify 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 the federal government. A person would no longer be able to use non-subject wages to end a disqualification.