

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Barker
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Whitsett

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 21 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, Shields, G. Smith

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Whitsett

Nays:

Exc: Winters

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Meeting Date: June 23, 2009

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: This bill modifies ORS 243.746 which covers selection of arbitrators and procedures for arbitration when a strike is prohibited. Among other criteria, this bill would require the arbitrator to take into account the base pay for city police officers in the five most populous cities in the state when a labor dispute concerning the Oregon State Police (OSP) goes to arbitration.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential fiscal impact
- Importance of defined comparators

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Public Employees Collective Bargaining Act (PECBA) established a collective bargaining process for Oregon's public employers and unions representing public employees. While most bargaining units are able to strike after completing prior steps of the bargaining process in good faith and giving proper notification, some bargaining units are prohibited from striking and must resolve disputes through binding interest arbitration. Oregon State Police troopers are prohibited from striking.