

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Dembrow  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Monroe

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 17 – 1 – 4

House

Yeas: Buckley, D. Edwards, Garrard, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, Shields

Nays: Gilman

Exc: Galizio, Komp, G. Smith

Senate

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

Nays:

Exc: Nelson

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Defines public institution of higher education (institution) as a community college or state institution of higher education. Provides that part-time faculty at an institution are eligible for the same health care benefits as full-time faculty if the part-time faculty member is eligible for membership in Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) by teaching at a single institution or at multiple institutions during the prior year. Requires part-time faculty at an institution to pay all insurance premiums for health care benefits unless otherwise provided for by the institution or by a collective bargaining agreement at the institution. Requires Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB) and Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) to adopt rules regarding health benefits for part-time faculty. Requires State Board of Education and State Board of Higher Education to establish baselines and conduct annual reviews of institutions regarding full-time and part-time faculty and report that data to the Legislative Assembly and Governor.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal impact of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** A number of courses at community colleges and state institutions of higher education are taught by part-time faculty. Many of these part-time faculty members are unable to qualify for benefits because they are either part-time faculty or work at multiple educational institutions on a part-time basis.

House Bill 2557A requires that part-time faculty at community colleges or state institutions of higher education be made eligible for the same health benefits as full-time faculty if the part-time faculty member is eligible for PERS. The measure requires part-time faculty to pay all insurance premiums for health care benefits unless otherwise provided by the institution or as determined through a collective bargaining agreement.