

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 7 - 0 - 1  
**Yeas:** Bailey, Bentz, Galizio, Holvey, Thatcher, Witt, Read  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Gilliam  
**Prepared By:** Barbara Allen, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 5/5

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Permits the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to use temporary status appointment for student law clerks up to 24 months. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Remedying limitations in statute regarding which agencies can use temporary law clerks
- Definition of a “temporary employee”
- Hourly wage of law clerks

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

**BACKGROUND:** Under ORS 240.309, temporary employees may not be employed for more than six months. The Department of Justice and the chief administrative law judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings are authorized to use temporary status appointments for student law clerks for up to 24 months of employment. Senate Bill 197 provides the Public Utility Commission the same authority to employ student law clerks for up to 24 months; thereby providing continuity in their training and use of student law clerks.