

2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 821

STATUS: A Engrossed

SUBJECT: Health benefit plans agreements

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Administrative Services – Public Employee Benefits Board

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EXPENDITURES:

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EFFECTIVE DATE: On passage

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

ANALYSIS: The measure allows a collective bargaining unit to agree with a public body employer to establish a retiree medical trust, voluntary employees' beneficiary association, health reimbursement arrangement or other agreement for health care expenses of employees or retirees. These agreements must comply with Insurance Code requirements. The Public Employee Benefits Board (PEBB) currently purchases, contracts for, and administers benefits available to state employees and retirees.

PEBB states that the fiscal impact is indeterminate. The measure does not specify if PEBB would administer the eligibility and account enrollments for the types of agreements referenced in the measure. The measure does not specify if PEBB or the subscriber would be responsible for administrative costs related to the individual accounts. The number of individual health benefit agreements that may occur from the measure is indeterminate.