FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Seventy-Sixth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2011 Regular Session Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure Description:

Allows state boards and commissions to meet by telephone or other electronic means. Clarifies members who participate by phone or other electronic means are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses. Provides discretion to give per diem to nonelected members of boards and commissions, not employed in full-time public service, who participate in official duties by telephone or other electronic means. Establishes requirement that State Plumbing Board; Electrical and Elevator Board; and Board of Boiler Rules meet at least 4 times in year. Establishes requirement that Building Code Structures Board; Residential and Manufactured Structures Board; Mechanical Board; and Construction Industry Energy Board non-licensing boards meet at least twice in year. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Statewide

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Please see analysis

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 amends a number of statutes related to state boards and commissions dealing with compensation and expense reimbursement of board members and frequency of board meetings. Changes include clarifying that board or commission members who participate by phone or other electronic means are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses. For certain boards and commissions, the measure specifies, whether legislators are eligible for per diem compensation or mileage reimbursement. These provisions of the bill are of minimal or no fiscal impact.

The bill also repeals statutes relating to the Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force, Columbia River Resource Task Force, and the Healthy Streams Partnership. There is no fiscal impact associated with the elimination of these groups, as no specific funding has been provided to support their efforts and the groups are no longer active.