

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Conger, Doherty, Esquivel, Hoyle, Johnson, Matthews, Kennemer, Schaufler

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/21, 2/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Excludes officiating services at amateur sporting events from the definition of “employment” for purposes of unemployment insurance taxation. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Examples of events or contests that require officiating services
- Examples of organizations affected by the measure
- Average amount of wages earned per game or contest

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon statute requires that the majority of workers are subject to minimum wage standards, mandatory workers’ compensation coverage, and unemployment compensation taxation requirements, unless explicitly exempted.

House Bill 2347 clarifies that individuals who perform officiating services (such as a referee) for recreational, interscholastic, or intercollegiate sporting events or contests, in which the participants are not professional athletes or contestants or are not remunerated for their participation, are exempt from unemployment insurance statute. The measure does not apply to officiating services performed for a non-profit organization, the state or any of its political subdivisions, or a tribe.