76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2682 CARRIER: CONSENT

House Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar

Vote: 9 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Hicks, Nolan, Olson, Schaufler, Tomei, Wand, Whisnant, Barker, Krieger

Nays: 0 Exc.: Garrett

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Meeting Dates: 3/1, 3/16, 3/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases amount of wages in state statute that are exempt from garnishment. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

· Scope of federal authority

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2682 comes from the Consumer Law Section of the Oregon State Bar. Oregon currently exempts \$196.00 per week. (ORS 18.385.) Federal law exempts \$217.50 per week. (15 U.S.C § 1671 et seq.) The amount in Oregon statute has been inconsistent with federal law since the minimum wage was increased in July of 2009. House Bill 2682 makes state law consistent with what is already required by federal law.