

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bonamici, Dingfelder, Kruse, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/5, 5/12

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Whether Oregon should protect the same *percentage* of wages as federal law (30 percent), rather than an identical, fixed amount based on the federal minimum wage, since Oregon's minimum wage is higher

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 federal minimum wage increased in July of 2009. House Bill 2682 makes the amounts the same.