

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bonamici, Dingfelder, Kruse, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 2/24, 3/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows award of attorney fees for appeals of administrative decisions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Applies measure prospectively only.

BACKGROUND: Oregon statutes that allow or require awards of attorney fees in civil actions are construed to allow awards for the appeal of those actions, so long as the underlying action commenced in a court. (ORS 19.440; *State of Oregon v. Federation of Oregon Parole and Probation Officers*, 94 Or. App. 754 (1989).) Senate Bill 592 would also allow an award of attorney fees for appeals of underlying administrative decisions.