

House Bill 3544

Sponsored by Representative PARRISH; Representatives JOHNSON, SHEEHAN, Senator OLSEN

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires collective bargaining agreement between certain local public employers and employees of public employer to provide for suspension of implementation of certain increases in employee compensation during period of fiscal emergency. Authorizes Governor to declare fiscal emergency under certain circumstances.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to public employee compensation; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) A public employer may enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the exclusive representative of the employees of the public employer only if the collective bargaining agreement provides for the suspension of the implementation of merit step, longevity step or cost-of-living increases in employee compensation during a period of fiscal emergency declared by the Governor under subsection (2) of this section.

(2) For purposes of subsection (1) of this section, the Governor may declare a fiscal emergency if the Governor determines that:

(a) The last quarterly economic and revenue forecast for a biennium indicates that moneys available to the General Fund for the next biennium will be at least three percent less than appropriations from the General Fund for the current biennium;

(b) There has been a decline for two or more consecutive quarters in the last 12 months in seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment; or

(c) A quarterly economic and revenue forecast projects that revenues in the General Fund in the current biennium will be at least two percent below what the revenues were projected to be in the revenue forecast on which the legislatively adopted budget for the current biennium was based.

(3) As used in this section:

(a) "Legislatively adopted budget" has the meaning given that term in ORS 291.002.

(b) "Public employer" means a city, county, community college, school district, special district, mass transit district, metropolitan service district, public service corporation, public corporation or quasi-public corporation.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2011 Act applies to collective bargaining agreements entered into between public employers and exclusive representatives of the employees of the public employer on or after the effective date of this 2011 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect on its passage.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

