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Measure Description:

Requires Public Employees' Benefit Board to conduct pilot project to study effects on employee health of using walking workstations.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

House Bill 2767 appropriates an unspecified amount of General Fund to the Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) for the purchase of walking workstations, and directs the board to conduct a pilot project to purchase and install walking workstations and study the effects of walking workstations on the health of public employees who volunteer for this pilot project. The board is authorized to contract with a public or private entity to conduct this pilot project. Over a two-year period, PEBB is required to collect data including weight, blood pressure, triglycerides, cholesterol, mood, productivity and overall health of employees participating in this pilot. PEBB is required to submit a report on its findings in the pilot project to the legislature by December 31, 2015. The bill contains an emergency clause, and is effective on passage.

PEBB estimates the expenditure impact of this pilot project to be \$55,875 General Fund for the 2013-15 biennium. This amount includes the purchase of 25 walking workstations, and the cost of contracting with a vendor to collect the biometric data required by the bill. PEBB anticipates using existing staff and resources to produce and present the report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature by December 31, 2015.

This bill requires budgetary action for the appropriation of General Funds.