77TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY 2013 REGULAR SESSION STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY SENATE FINANCE AND REVENUE COMMITTEE

REVENUE: No Revenue Impact FISCAL: No Fiscal Impact

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng. Bill

Vote: 5-0-0

Yeas: Ferrioli, George, Hass, Rosenbaum, Burdick

Nays: 0 **Exc.:** 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/20

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Removes the consideration of pension accounts valued at \$60,000 or less from the definition of "lower income household" for individuals to qualify as account holders for the Oregon Individual Development Account Initiative.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Contributions that qualify for the tax credit
- The value of saving for a home or an education
- The impact of relatively small pension accounts on eligibility

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: No Amendments

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Investment Account Initiative was created in 1999. The Initiative has reached about 33 of Oregon's 36 counties. Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) aim to alleviate poverty through matched savings accounts that support low-income families with savings, asset building, and other financial goals. Matching funds within the program are drawn from various private resources.

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