

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Whisnant
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Hansell

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 25 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Freeman, Hanna, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Read, Richardson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Burdick, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Hansell, Rosenbaum, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Johnson

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Meeting Date: May 17, 2013

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Employment Department (OED) to inform employer and U.S. Department of Labor if Department becomes aware, in normal course of business, that employer has federal contract to conduct forest maintenance and is not in compliance with certain requirements under H-2B program. Requires OED to confirm whether listed forest maintenance activity jobs under H-2B program are available to Oregon resident workers. Requires OED to notify U.S. Department of Labor, union halls, and community agencies serving unemployed Oregon workers that job has been listed under H-2B program. Requires OED to prominently display in public locations information about jobs listed under H-2B program. Requires OED to periodically inform employers of workers in forest maintenance activity jobs regarding local availability of Oregon resident workers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The amendment adopted by the policy committee resulted in no fiscal impact to the Employment Department; however, the subsequent referral to Ways and Means failed to be rescinded.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The bill has no revenue and no fiscal impact. The subsequent referral to Ways and Means was not rescinded in time to avoid Ways and Means consideration.