

House Bill 2597

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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**.

Directs Public Officials Compensation Commission to make recommendations on salaries of elected officials, including state Senators and state Representatives. Requires Governor to include recommendations in Governor's budget report. Directs Legislative Assembly to consider recommendations in adopting state budget.

Applies to salaries established for biennia beginning on or after July 1, 2015.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the determination of public official salaries; creating new provisions; and amending ORS
3 171.072, 292.912 and 292.930.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 171.072 is amended to read:

6 171.072. (1) A member of the Legislative Assembly shall receive for services an annual salary
7 *[of the greater of:]*

8 *[(a) One step below the maximum of Salary Range 1 in the Management Service Compensation*
9 *Plan in the executive department as defined in ORS 174.112; or]*

10 *[(b) Seventeen percent of the salary of a Circuit Court Judge]* **determined as provided under**
11 **ORS 292.907 to 292.930.**

12 (2) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each shall re-
13 ceive for services, as additional salary, an amount equal to the salary allowed each of them as a
14 member under subsection (1) of this section.

15 (3) A member of the Legislative Assembly shall receive, as an allowance for expenses not oth-
16 erwise provided for, a per diem determined as provided in subsection (9) of this section for each day
17 within the period that the Legislative Assembly is in session, to be paid with the salary provided for
18 in subsection (1) of this section. Pursuant to procedures determined by the Legislative Adminis-
19 tration Committee, a member may draw from an accrued allowance.

20 (4) A member of the Legislative Assembly shall receive, as an allowance for expenses incurred
21 in the performance of official duties during periods when the legislature is not in session, \$400 for
22 each calendar month or part of a calendar month during those periods, to be paid monthly, and
23 subject to approval of the President of the Senate or Speaker of the House of Representatives,
24 mileage expenses and a per diem determined as provided in subsection (9) of this section for each
25 day a member is engaged in the business of legislative interim and statutory committees, including
26 advisory committees and subcommittees of advisory committees, and task forces and for each day
27 a member serves on interstate bodies, advisory committees and other entities on which the member
28 serves ex officio, whether or not the entity is a legislative one.

29 (5) In addition to the mileage and per diem expense payments provided by this section, a member

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.

1 of the Legislative Assembly may receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, subject
2 to approval by the President of the Senate or Speaker of the House of Representatives, for legisla-
3 tive business outside of the state.

4 (6) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may delegate
5 to the chairpersons of interim and statutory committees and task forces the approval authority
6 granted to the President and the Speaker by subsection (4) of this section, with respect to expenses
7 incurred in attending any meeting of a particular committee or task force.

8 (7) Amounts received under subsections (3) to (5) of this section are excluded from gross income
9 and expenditures of the amounts are excluded in computing deductions for purposes of ORS chapter
10 316. If there is attached to the personal income return a schedule of all ordinary and necessary
11 business expenses paid during the tax year as a member of the Legislative Assembly, a deduction
12 may be claimed on the return for legislative expenses paid in excess of the amounts received under
13 subsections (3) to (5) of this section. Expenses of members of the Legislative Assembly who are re-
14 imbursemented by the state for actual expenses for meals and lodging associated with state travel for the
15 same period during which a legislator receives per diem are subject to state income tax.

16 (8) For periods when the Legislative Assembly is not in session, the Legislative Administration
17 Committee shall provide for a telephone and an expense allowance for members of the Legislative
18 Assembly that is in addition to the amount allowed under subsection (4) of this section. In deter-
19 mining the amount of allowance for members, the committee shall consider the geographic area of
20 the member's district. The additional allowance shall reflect travel expenses necessary to communi-
21 cate in districts of varying sizes.

22 (9) The per diem allowance referred to in subsections (3) and (4) of this section shall be the
23 amount fixed for per diem allowance that is authorized by the United States Internal Revenue Ser-
24 vice to be excluded from gross income without itemization.

25 **SECTION 2.** ORS 292.912 is amended to read:

26 292.912. (1) The Public Officials Compensation Commission shall review and make recommen-
27 dations to the Legislative Assembly regarding the amount of the annual salary to be paid to each
28 elective officer subject to ORS 292.907 to 292.930 [*and all compensation of members of the Legislative*
29 *Assembly*] for the succeeding biennium.

30 (2) The commission shall establish the salary recommendations based upon the following criteria:

31 (a) Comparable positions in neighboring states.

32 (b) The qualifications and skills necessary for each office.

33 (c) The level of responsibility implicit in each office.

34 (d) The cost of living.

35 (e) The total compensation of the positions, including benefits other than salary.

36 (f) Budget limitations.

37 (g) Any other factors the commission may consider to be reasonable, appropriate and in the
38 public interest.

39 (3) The commission shall cause to have prepared legislative measures that would implement the
40 commission's recommendations on salaries of officers subject to ORS 292.907 to 292.930 [*and all*
41 *compensation of members of the Legislative Assembly*] for the succeeding biennium.

42 **(4) The Governor shall include the commission's recommendations on salaries of officers**
43 **subject to ORS 292.907 to 292.930 in the budget report prepared by the Governor for each**
44 **biennium. The Legislative Assembly shall consider the salary recommendations in preparing**
45 **a state budget.**

1 **SECTION 3.** ORS 292.930 is amended to read:

2 292.930. Each of the following elective officers shall be paid an annual salary on a monthly basis
3 as determined by the Legislative Assembly each biennium:

4 (1) Governor.

5 (2) Secretary of State.

6 (3) State Treasurer.

7 (4) Attorney General.

8 (5) Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries.

9 (6) Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

10 (7) Court of Appeals Judge.

11 (8) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

12 (9) Supreme Court Judge.

13 (10) Circuit Court Judge.

14 (11) Tax Court Judge.

15 **(12) State Senator.**

16 **(13) State Representative.**

17 **SECTION 4. The amendments to ORS 171.072, 292.912 and 292.930 by sections 1 to 3 of this**
18 **2013 Act apply to salaries established for biennia beginning on or after July 1, 2015.**

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