

# House Bill 2767

Sponsored by Representative THOMPSON

## 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 Public Employees' Benefit Board to conduct pilot project to study effects on employee health of using walking workstations. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to board to carry out pilot project.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a walking workstation pilot project; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "walking workstation" means a workstation that**  
5 **accommodates a treadmill to enable a worker to perform desk tasks while walking on the**  
6 **treadmill at a speed of up to two miles per hour.**

7 **(2) The Public Employees' Benefit Board shall conduct a pilot project to purchase and**  
8 **install no fewer than 10 walking workstations and study the effects of the walking work-**  
9 **stations on the health of public employees. An employee may be selected to participate in the**  
10 **pilot project if the employee's normal work activities involve sitting at a desk for more than**  
11 **six hours per workday.**

12 **(3) The board shall, over a two-year period:**

13 **(a) Measure the weight, blood pressure, triglycerides, cholesterol, mood, productivity and**  
14 **overall health of participants;**

15 **(b) Record any injuries attributable to walking workstations; and**

16 **(c) Assess the cost of using walking workstations.**

17 **(4) As a condition of participation in the pilot project, participants must:**

18 **(a) Consent to a medical evaluation to determine fitness to participate in the project;**

19 **(b) Consent to the measurement and reporting of the factors listed in subsection (3)(a)**  
20 **of this section;**

21 **(c) Use a walking workstation as prescribed by the board;**

22 **(d) Consent to the release of individually identifiable health information for purposes di-**  
23 **rectly connected to the project;**

24 **(e) Waive all claims resulting from participation in the project; and**

25 **(f) Comply with all criteria adopted by the board for participation in the project.**

26 **(5) An employee's participation in the pilot project must be voluntary and may be ter-**  
27 **minated in accordance with criteria established by the board.**

28 **(6) No later than December 31, 2015, the board shall report to the Legislative Assembly**  
29 **in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 on its findings in the pilot project and on the feasi-**  
30 **bility and efficacy of the use of walking workstations by public employees.**

**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       **(7) The board may contract with a public or private entity to conduct the pilot project**  
2 **or any part of the project.**

3       **SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Public Employees' Benefit Board, for the**  
4 **biennium beginning July 1, 2013, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for**  
5 **purchasing walking workstations and carrying out the pilot project described in section 1 of**  
6 **this 2013 Act.**

7       **SECTION 3. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate ] preservation of the public**  
8 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**  
9 **on its passage.**

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