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Measure Description:

Authorizes Public Employees Retirement Board to establish procedures for recovering administrative costs from participating public employers for providing to those employers information or services needed to report in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Cities, Counties, Special Districts, Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Please see analysis

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:

The measure provides the statutory authority for the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) to adopt rules for recovering administrative costs from participating public employers for providing information to report their share of unfunded liabilities and overfunded surpluses in their pension plans as required by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statement 68. This change allows PERS to conduct actuarial analysis on a centralized basis for all participating public employers rather than having each participating employer provision actuarial services individually. This activity was anticipated by PERS and the Legislatively Approved Budget (SB 5537) for the agency included additional Other Funds expenditure limitation of \$385,000 for this purpose in the 2013-15 biennium. PERS anticipates it will require ongoing limitation for this activity, but that amount is to be determined once actual costs have been incurred. The PERS budget delineates these expenditures as contract services, so no additional positions or FTE are anticipated.