

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 496

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Measure Description:

Includes certain compensable workers' compensation claims as qualifying criteria for eligibility for benefits from Public Safety Memorial Fund.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)

Summary of Expenditure Impact: 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 adds certain compensable workers' compensation claims as qualifying criteria for eligibility for benefits from the Public Safety Memorial Fund. Specially, the qualifying death or disability must be a result of an injury or occupational disease that is compensable under ORS 656 or a disability program provided by a city having a population of more than 200,000 that provides comparable benefits.

The fiscal impact is indeterminate. The number of eligible claims that may be qualified under the measure is unknown. The Public Safety Memorial Fund provides financial assistance to public safety officers who are permanently or totally disabled as a result of a line of duty injury. The fund also provides assistance to family members of public safety officers who are killed or permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty. The balance of the Public Safety Memorial Fund, as of January 31, 2015 is approximately \$157,000 and as of that date, approximately \$133,000 has been distributed to qualified individuals in the 2013-15 biennium.