

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/17/15

Action: Without Recommendation As To Passage And Be Referred To Rules.

Meeting Dates: 04/17

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Barton, Doherty, Esquivel, Evans, Fagan, Holvey, Kennemer, Nosse

Nays: 2 - Heard, Weidner

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides hours of service credit for vesting purposes and retirement credit to member of Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan who receives workers' compensation disability payment and later returns to employment with participating employer. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Referral to Committee on Rules

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan (OPSRP) is for public employees who first entered public employment in a position eligible for Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) benefits on or after August 29, 2003. (Public employees who began working prior to that day are in either the PERS Tier One or Tier Two benefit plan, depending on their original start date.) The definition of "hours of service" for an OPSRP member excludes time that the worker received payment under workers' compensation laws or unemployment insurance laws.

House Bill 2836 allows time during which workers' compensation payments were received to count toward hours of service for the worker, provided that the member returns to employment with the participating employer after the period of disability.