House Bill 2593

Sponsored by Representative HOLVEY (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Prescribes salary for chief administrative law judge of Office of Administrative Hearings.

1 **A BILL FOR AN ACT**

2 Relating to the Office of Administrative Hearings; amending ORS 183.610.

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

4 <u>SECTION 1.</u> ORS 183.610 is amended to read:

5 183.610. (1) The Governor shall appoint [*a person*] **an active member of the Oregon State Bar**

6 to serve as chief administrative law judge for the Office of Administrative Hearings. The Governor

7 shall consider recommendations by the Office of Administrative Hearings Oversight Committee in

8 appointing a chief administrative law judge. [*The person appointed to serve as chief administrative*

9 *law judge must be an active member of the Oregon State Bar.*]

10 **(2)** The chief administrative law judge**:**

11 **(a)** Has all the powers necessary and convenient to organize and manage the office[.]**; and**

12 **(b)** Subject to the State Personnel Relations Law, [*the chief administrative law judge*] shall em-

13 ploy all persons necessary for the administration of the office, prescribe the duties of those em-

14 ployees and fix their compensation.

15 **(3)** The chief administrative law judge shall serve for a term of four years. Notwithstanding ORS

16 236.140, the Governor may remove the chief administrative law judge only for cause.

17 **(4) The salary of the chief administrative law judge is the same as that prescribed by ORS**

18 **292.406 for a judge, other than the Chief Judge, of the Court of Appeals.**

19 [*(2)*] **(5)** The chief administrative law judge shall employ administrative law judges. The chief

20 administrative law judge shall ensure that administrative law judges employed for the office receive

21 all training necessary to meet the standards required under the program created under ORS 183.680.

22 [*(3)*] **(6)** The chief administrative law judge shall take all actions necessary to protect and ensure

23 the independence of each administrative law judge assigned from the office.

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