Senate Bill 288

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SUMMARY

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Modifies reinstatement rights of unclassified and exempt services employees who have immediate prior former regular status in classified service.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to reinstatement rights of certain employees in state service; amending ORS 240.570.

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

- **SECTION 1.** ORS 240.570, as amended by section 1, chapter 22, Oregon Laws 2014, is amended to read:
- 240.570. (1) Positions in the unclassified, management and exempt services may be filled by classified employees. After an employee is terminated from the unclassified or exempt service or removed from the management service, for reasons other than those specified in ORS 240.555, the state agency that employed the employee before the appointment to the unclassified, exempt or management service may, at the agency's sole discretion, restore the employee to a position held in the agency before the appointment if the employee meets the position requirements. If an employee is restored to a former position, the employee is subject to any applicable agency collective bargaining agreement.
- (2) An appointing authority may assign, reassign and transfer management service employees for the good of the service and may remove employees from the management service due to reorganization or lack of work.
- (3) A management service employee is subject to a trial service period established pursuant to rules of the Personnel Division under ORS 240.250. Thereafter, the management service employee may be disciplined by reprimand, salary reduction, suspension or demotion or may be removed or dismissed from the management service if the employee is unable or unwilling to fully and faithfully perform the duties of the position satisfactorily.
- (4) Management service employees who are assigned, reassigned, transferred or removed, as provided in subsection (2) of this section, and employees who are disciplined, removed or dismissed from the management service as authorized in subsection (3) of this section may appeal to the Employment Relations Board in the manner provided by ORS 240.560.
- (5)(a) Management service employees with immediate prior former regular status in the classified service who are removed from trial service pursuant to ORS 240.410 have a right to be restored to their former positions.
- (b) Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection, [management service] employees with immediate prior former regular status in the classified service who are appointed to the **unclassi**-

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- fied, exempt or management service and who have not been [dismissed] terminated from the unclassified or exempt service or removed from the management service for a reason specified in ORS 240.555:
- (A) Prior to January 1, 2015, have the right to restoration to the classified service for three years from the date of appointment to the unclassified, exempt or management service. If an employee is restored to a former position, the employee is subject to any applicable agency collective bargaining agreement.
 - (B) After December 31, 2014, have no right to restoration to the classified service.