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Re: SB 201 Relating to salary of employees of universities with a governing board under the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan – Conflict Amendment

Senator Johnson: “SB 201 is a narrowly defined revision to Public Employees Retirement System statute.

A small group of public university employees hired on or after August 29, 2003 and working out-of-state have had Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan contributions made on their behalf by universities. Universities recently learned that under this PERS retirement plan that employee salary not taxable in Oregon is ineligible for determining PERS contributions and benefits. This measure allows these select employees’ total compensation to be considered Oregon taxable income for purposes of a PERS benefits.

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means previously approved this bill, and it has passed the Senate.

The –A2 amendment resolves conflicts with SB 54 by clarifying provisions around public universities with governing boards.

I recommend SB 201 be amended by the –A2 conflict amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”