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Measure: HB 2508

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Measure Description:

Requires applicant who does not select investment option when enrolling in Oregon 529 program for higher education expenses be enrolled in investment option that Oregon 529 Savings Board determines is most appropriate for greatest number of participants.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon State Treasurer

Analysis:

The bill creates a new responsibility for the Office of the Treasurer for the Oregon 529 program. There are likely a number of implementation options which would need to be evaluated to determine the most effective and cost efficient approach. One option that has been identified by the agency is to contract with a licensed financial advisor to help members choose an investment option. Costs associated with that option are likely to be significant and not absorbable by the agency. It is not clear, at this time, if there are feasible options that would have a minimal fiscal impact.

This fiscal impact is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Business and Labor to the House Committee on Revenue. A more complete fiscal analysis will be prepared as the bill is further considered.

Further Analysis Required

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