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Measure: SB 196

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Measure Description:

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to ensure that any policy adopted by public institution of higher education for determining whether part-time faculty members are eligible for health care benefits use aggregate total of hours worked by faculty member at all public institutions of higher education.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee on Education to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. The bill requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to review insurance policies adopted by institutions of higher education to determine whether the benefits received by part-time faculty members take into account the aggregate total of hours worked at all public institutions of higher education. Institutions of higher education are required to use the aggregate total number of hours worked to determine whether or not part-time faculty members meet the eligibility requirements. Part-time faculty members are no longer required to pay for all of their insurance premiums for healthcare benefits; instead they are required to pay 10 percent and state must pay the remaining 90 percent of costs. There is a fiscal impact associated with this bill; the amount of this impact is still being determined. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required

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