

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2118 - 5

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Measure Description:

Standardizes use of consumer price index for purposes of indexing values in statutes and session law.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

The measure would replace the Portland-Salem, OR-WA, Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for All Items with the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), for purposes of indexing values in statutes and session law. The Consumer Price Index, or CPI, is a measure of inflation produced by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

In 2018, the BLS revised the geography for CPI estimates. As a result, the BLS discontinued the Portland-Salem, OR-WA, CPI, and replaced it with the West Region (All Items) CPI. The measure would update all references to the Portland-Salem, OR-WA, CPI in the Oregon Revised Statutes and session law to the West Region (All Items) CPI.

The Portland-Salem, OR-WA, CPI was linked to agency-assessed fees, which were adjusted automatically based on the CPI. Instead of being linked to the Portland-Salem, OR-WA, CPI, the measure would link fees to the West Region (All Items) CPI. It is unclear how these fees would be impacted under the West Region (All Items) CPI instead of the Portland-Salem, OR-WA, CPI. For that reason, the fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate.