

**SB 1510 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Burdick

**Senate Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 02/26/20

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 3-0-0-2

**Yeas:** 3 - Burdick, Dembrow, Roblan

**Abs:** 2 - Baertschiger Jr, Boquist

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/26

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Prohibits member of Legislative Assembly from soliciting or using contributions to pay fines or legal expenses, replace salary, defray expenses, or otherwise compensate a member for monetary losses incurred as a result of a member's unexcused absence from all or part of a session of the Legislative Assembly. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current availability of salary, per diem, and campaign donations to support legislators during a walkout

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

Section 12, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Oregon establishes a two-thirds majority of each chamber of the Legislative Assembly as a quorum to do business. The constitutional quorum requirement allows a minority of members to prevent the chamber from undertaking business by not attending floor sessions. Nothing in current statute prohibits a lawmaker from using campaign funds or soliciting donations to defray expenses associated with actions taken to deny a quorum.

Senate Bill 1510-A prohibits members of the Legislative Assembly from soliciting or using contributions to pay fines or legal expenses, replace salary, defray expenses, or otherwise compensate a member for monetary losses incurred as a result of a member's unexcused absence from the legislative session.