

**REVENUE IMPACT OF  
PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
80th Oregon Legislative Assembly  
2020 2nd Special Session  
Legislative Revenue Office

**Bill Number:** SB 1701 - A  
**Revenue Area:** Unemployment Insurance  
**Economist:** Dae Baek  
**Date:** 8/10/2020

*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
Versions are Considered Official*

**Measure Description:**

Provides that an unemployed individual receiving unemployment insurance benefits who has earnings from less than full-time employment may earn up to the greater of \$300 or one-third of individual's weekly benefit amount before the individual's weekly benefit amount is reduced. Applies to benefits payable for the weeks ending on or before January 1, 2022.

**Revenue Impact (in \$Millions):**

	Biennium	
	2019-21	2021-23
<b>Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund</b>	<b>-\$44.4</b>	<b>-\$26.5</b>

Source: Oregon Employment Department

**Impact Explanation:**

Currently an individual can earn up to the greater of \$132.50 (ten times the highest of the three minimum wages available across the state) or one-third of the individual's weekly unemployment benefit (UI) amount, and still receive a full benefit payment for the week. This bill raises the UI weekly earnings exemption to \$300 for certain individual claiming UI benefits.

Under this bill, the Oregon Employment Department estimates that additional \$43 million will be paid out to qualified individuals in 2019-21 and \$25.8 million more in 2021-23. Revenue impact incorporates interest losses during the biennia.

**Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure:** Yes  No