## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

81st Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2021 Regular Session Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure: HB 3144

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# **Measure Description:**

Establishes annual salary of members of Legislative Assembly at annual mean occupational employment and wage estimate for Oregon for year preceding start of biennium.

## **Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Legislative Revenue Office (LRO), Legislative Assembly

#### **Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

## **Analysis:**

HB 3144 establishes the annual salary of members of the Legislative Assembly, beginning on January 1, 2022, at the annual mean occupational employment and wage estimate for Oregon for the year preceding the start of the biennium. The measure directs the Legislative Revenue Officer to report the annual mean occupational employment and wage estimate on or before May 1 of each odd-numbered year.

#### <u>Legislative Assembly</u>

The fiscal impact of this measure to the Legislative Assembly's budget for the 2021-23 biennium is indeterminate depending on the Legislative Revenue Officer's report to be delivered the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer on May 1, 2021. As a frame of reference, currently the annual salary for legislative members is \$32,832 and the 2019 mean occupational employment and wage estimate for Oregon reported by the Secretary of State is \$55,027. Using these numbers, the difference of \$1,850 per month in salary plus related benefits, would result in a fiscal impact of approximately \$4 million to the Legislative Assembly's personal services budget for the 18 months of the 2021-23 biennium.

## Legislative Revenue Office (LRO)

Passage of this measure is anticipated to have minimal impact on LRO. The Office will use existing staff and resources to report the required information to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer by May first of each odd numbered year.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State's General Fund.

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