HB 3144 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 03/02/21

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to

Modernizing the People's Legislature.

Vote: 6-0-1-0

Yeas: 6 - Bonham, Fahey, Holvey, Salinas, Smith Warner, Zika

Exc: 1 - Drazan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued **Revenue:** No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Sets annual salary for member of the Legislative Assembly to the mean occupational employment and wage estimate for Oregon for the year preceding the start of each biennium. Requires Legislative Revenue Officer to determine the annual mean occupational employment and wage estimate for all occupations in Oregon, make the estimate on or before May 1 of each odd-numbered year, and report estimate to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer. Applies to pay periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Moving bill to House Special Committee on Modernizing the People's Legislature
- Committee meeting on legislator compensation

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current law sets legislator pay at an annual salary that equals one step below the maximum step of Salary Range 1 in the Management Service Compensation Plan in the Oregon executive department, which is currently \$32,832 per year. House Bill 3144 changes annual legislator pay to the annual mean occupational employment and wage estimate for Oregon as determined by the Legislative Revenue Office beginning on January 1, 2022.