

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2373

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### **Measure Description:**

Amends apprenticeship statutes to permit establishment of firefighter apprentice program.

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

Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI), Department of Justice (DOJ), local government, local service districts

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

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

### **Analysis:**

HB 2373 appropriates an unspecified amount of General Fund to the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) for the purpose of establishing firefighter apprentice programs. The measure also amends apprenticeship statutes to allow the State Apprenticeship and Training Council to approve one local joint committee for firefighters within an area or region that is subject to the jurisdiction of a local government or local service district.

BOLI's Apprenticeship and Training Division is the state regulatory body for registered apprenticeship programs in Oregon. The Division regulates and certifies apprenticeship programs for the state. Apprenticeship programs are an employer-based education method that combines an industry standard, paid-supervised-on-the-job training, and classroom instruction. The Division has experience in grant management and distribution of funds to such programs as the Trade Outreach to Veterans Grant but has not been responsible for distributing funds to employers to establish apprenticeship programs.

### Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI)

The fiscal impact of this measure is indeterminate depending on the amount of funds to be appropriated. BOLI may incur administrative costs depending on further legislative direction. BOLI anticipates using a portion of any funds appropriated for the measure to administer this program and to work with eligible local fire jurisdictions to distribute funds for firefighter apprentice programs. Because the distribution of funds to establish firefighter apprenticeship programs would be a new responsibility, BOLI will need to develop a process for oversight of the funds. The measure is silent regarding additional parameters for allowable use of funding awards and metrics for reporting expenditures and effectiveness of funds awarded.

### Department of Justice (DOJ)

Passage of this measure is anticipated to have minimal impact on DOJ.

### Local Government

Local fire jurisdictions may experience a fiscal impact depending on whether any funding appropriated under this measure is awarded to their jurisdiction, but any such potential impact is indeterminate at this time.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for allocation General Fund resources.