

SB 1566: The Opportunity to Serve Act

Compared to similar state legislature peers in Washington, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Colorado, Oregon legislators on average are paid less, work more session days, and serve in a smaller body with fewer lawmakers able to cover all issues. Oregon is a growing state that needs an even more attentive legislature.

The bill would tie the salary is for legislators to the mean occupational employment and wage estimate for Oregon, which will be determined by the Legislative Revenue Office with data provided by the Oregon Employment Department Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). The salary will be updated every odd-numbered year, as part of the budget process.

Based on the most recent estimate, the mean occupational employment and wage estimate for Oregon was \$56,880.

