

SB 853 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits state payment of travel costs to and from Oregon for state employee who telecommutes from principal work site outside Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law encourages state agencies to allow employees to telecommute when telecommuting provides an opportunity for improved employee performance, reduced commuting miles, or agency savings. This law applies to state agencies in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government. Each state agency is required to adopt written policies defining telecommuting criteria. Telecommuting is defined as working from an "employee's home or from an office near the employee's home, rather than from the principal place of employment."

Senate Bill 853 prohibits the state from paying travel costs to and from Oregon for a state employee who telecommutes from a principal worksite outside of Oregon.