

## **HB 3140 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Labor and Business**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Removes requirement that Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) and Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB) solicit new bids for actuarial or technical support every three years.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Examples of difficulties associated with three year solicitation requirement
- Process for Public Employees' Benefit Board deciding when to solicit bids
- Reason Senate Bill 1067 (2017) included the three year solicitation requirement
- All other contracting restrictions stem from Public Contracting Code

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Oregon's Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) contracts for and administers benefits for approximately 140,000 eligible state employees and their dependents. The Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB) provides benefit plan options to 79 percent of Oregon's education-based entities, including 93 percent of k-12 school districts, 46 percent of charter schools and education service districts, and 100 percent of community colleges, as well as seven of the state's local governments. OEBB currently provides benefits for almost 150,000 people, including actively employed and retired members and their families. In 2017, the Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 1067, which introduced a number of state government workforce cost containment measures, including adding a requirement that PEBB and OEBB solicit bids for actuarial or technical support at least every three years.

House Bill 3140 removes the requirement that the Public Employees' Benefit Board and Oregon Educators Benefit Board solicit new bids for actuarial or technical support every three years.