FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Establishes a joint legislative committee to prepare and file with the Secretary of State the ballot title and explanatory statement for Senate Joint Resolution 34 (2023) if it is referred to voters. Provides for expedited judicial review by the Oregon Supreme Court if a timely petition is filed with the court.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Secretary of State, Department of Justice, Judicial Department, Legislative Assembly, County Clerks

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminant, though anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

Senate Bill 28, as modified by the -1 amendments, establishes a joint legislative committee to prepare and file with the Secretary of State the ballot title and explanatory statement for Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 34 (2023) if it is referred to voters. SJR 34 would refer a proposed constitutional amendment to voters to establish the Independent Public Service Compensation Commission.

The measure directs the joint legislative committee to prepare and file with the Secretary of State the ballot title and explanatory statement for SJR 34. The Secretary of State must print in the voters' pamphlet the measure number, ballot title, the measure text, financial estimate, explanatory statement, and arguments relating to the measure. The Secretary of State must prepare and deliver to each county clerk the measure number, ballot title, financial estimate, and a certified statement of the measure. Each county clerk must print on the ballot the measure number, financial estimate, and ballot title.

The measure provides for expedited review of the ballot title and explanatory statement by the Oregon Supreme Court if a timely petition is filed with the court. The measure takes effect on passage.

Impact on Government Units

The fiscal impact of this measure is indeterminant, though anticipated to be minimal. The fiscal impact to the affected government units will depend on whether SJR 34 is referred to voters. If SJR 34 is not referred to voters, then there is no fiscal impact. If SJR 34 is referred to voters, then the requirements of this measure would take effect. Although this measure does not specify when SJR 34 is to be referred to voters, SJR 34 specifies that it is to be referred to voters at the next regular general election. For that reason, this fiscal impact statement assumes that SJR 34 would be referred to voters for approval or rejection at the November 2024 general election.

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on the Secretary of State, Department of Justice, Judicial Department, Legislative Assembly, and county clerks.