House Bill 2296

Sponsored by Representative GRAYBER (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Makes permanent provisions allowing retired member of Public Employees Retirement System to be reemployed by participating public employer for unlimited number of hours without reduction in pension benefits.

A BILL FOR AN ACT


Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 35, chapter 355, Oregon Laws 2019, as amended by section 2, chapter 135, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to read:

Sec. 35. (1) [Notwithstanding ORS 237.650 and any provision of this chapter and] Subject to the limitations in this section, [during calendar year 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 or 2024,] a participating public employer may employ any retired member without limitation on the hours worked by the retired member if the administrative head of the public employer is satisfied that the employment is in the public interest.

(2) A public employer [during calendar year 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 or 2024] shall contribute to the Public Employees Retirement Board the percentage of the member's wages that would have been contributed to the board under ORS 238.225 if the member were an active member of the Public Employees Retirement System. Employer contributions made under this section are in addition to employer contributions made under ORS 238.225. The board shall apply contributions made by a public employer under this subsection against the liabilities of the public employer. The board shall adopt rules governing payments made under this subsection.

(3) This section does not apply to any member who retires under the provisions of ORS 238.280 (1), (2) or (3), unless the person is absent from employment with all participating public employers for at least six months before the date the person is employed under this section.

(4) Employment under this section does not affect the status of a person as a retired member of the system and a recipient of retirement benefits under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 37, chapter 355, Oregon Laws 2019, as amended by section 3, chapter 135, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to read:

Sec. 37. (1) [Notwithstanding ORS 237.650 and any provision of this chapter and] Subject to the limitations in this section, [during calendar year 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 or 2024,] a participating public employer may employ any retired member without limitation on the hours worked by the re-
tired member if the administrative head of the public employer is satisfied that the employment is in the public interest. The Public Employees Retirement Board shall continue making pension payments to a retired member of the pension program who is reemployed under this section.

(2) A public employer that employs a retired member [during calendar year 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 or 2024] shall contribute to the board the percentage of the member’s wages that would have been contributed to the board under ORS 238A.220 if the member were an active member of the Public Employees Retirement System. Employer contributions made under this section are in addition to employer contributions made under ORS 238A.220. The board shall apply contributions made by a public employer under this subsection against the liabilities of the public employer. The board shall adopt rules governing payments made under this subsection.

(3) This section does not apply to any member who retires under the provisions of ORS 238A.185, unless the person is absent from employment with all participating public employers for at least six months before the date the person is employed under this section.

(4) Employment under this section does not affect the status of a person as a retired member of the pension program and a recipient of retirement benefits under this chapter.

SECTION 3. ORS 238.088 is amended to read:

238.088. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a person who is elected to a full-time salaried office of the state or one of the participating political subdivisions thereof, or who is appointed to a full-time salaried office having a term fixed by statute or charter, whether or not the person has been retired, does not forfeit any rights accrued or accruing to the person under this chapter. However, notwithstanding section 35, chapter 355, Oregon Laws 2019, for the period that such person holds such office the person is not entitled to any pension or annuity provided by this chapter. Upon ceasing to hold such office, benefits shall be computed or recomputed by the Public Employees Retirement Board on the basis of age then attained.

(2) If a person is elected or appointed to the office of sheriff or county judge or commissioner in a county with a population of fewer than 75,000 inhabitants, according to the latest federal decennial census, and the person does not elect to become an active member of the system under ORS 238.015 (5), the person shall continue to be a retired member and to receive retirement benefits as provided in section 35, chapter 355, Oregon Laws 2019, for as long as the person holds the office.

(3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to any member who retires under the provisions of ORS 238.280 (1), (2) or (3).

SECTION 4. ORS 238.092 is amended to read:

238.092. [(a) (1) A retired member of the Public Employees Retirement System who has retired as other than a member of the Legislative Assembly and who is thereafter appointed or elected as a member of the Legislative Assembly may elect, by giving the Public Employees Retirement Board written notice, to receive the pension and annuity provided by this chapter for service as other than a member of the Legislative Assembly, and be an active member of the system as a member of the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of service in the Legislative Assembly. A person may make an election under this paragraph only if the person becomes an active member of the system under this chapter for the purpose of service in the Legislative Assembly as provided in ORS 237.650 (3). Notice of an election under this paragraph must be given by the person not more than 30 days after the person takes office.

[(b) (2) A member of the Legislative Assembly who is a member of the system as a member of the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of service in the Legislative Assembly may elect, by giving the Public Employees Retirement Board written notice, to receive the pension and annuity provided by this chapter for service as a member of the Legislative Assembly, and be an active member of the system as a member of the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of service in the Legislative Assembly. A person may make an election under this paragraph only if the person becomes an active member of the system under this chapter for the purpose of service in the Legislative Assembly as provided in ORS 237.650 (3). Notice of an election under this paragraph must be given by the person not more than 30 days after the person takes office.]

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the Legislative Assembly and who becomes eligible to retire by reason of service as other than a member of the Legislative Assembly, without regard to when that service was performed, may elect, by giving the board written notice, to retire and receive the pension and annuity provided by this chapter for service as other than a member of the Legislative Assembly, and to continue, for the purpose of service in the Legislative Assembly, as an active member of the system as a member of the Legislative Assembly.

[(c)] (3) Upon receipt of the notice provided for in [paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection] subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the board shall determine that portion of the accumulated contributions, if any, of the member and interest thereon attributable to service as other than a member of the Legislative Assembly, which shall be used in determining the amount of the annuity the member shall receive for that service. The portion of the accumulated contributions, if any, of the member and interest thereon attributable to service as a member of the Legislative Assembly shall remain in the member account of the member and, together with any subsequent contributions and interest thereon, be used in determining the amount of the additional annuity the member shall receive for that service upon subsequent retirement. If the member does not have a member account, the board shall determine the member's retirement allowance for nonlegislative service based on the number of years of nonlegislative service, and shall determine any additional benefit to be received after the member subsequently retires based on the number of years of service in the Legislative Assembly.

[(2) If a retired member of the system is employed by the Legislative Assembly, or by the Oregon State Police, for the purpose of service during a regular or special session of the Legislative Assembly, the hours worked during the session shall not be counted for the purpose of the limitations on employment imposed by ORS 238.082 (2) and (3).]
includes, but is not limited to, support of federal, state and local drug eradication, interdiction and
other counterdrug operations under a counterdrug support plan approved by the Governor, and
reasons related to homeland security. When participating in such support operations, and to the
extent authorized by 32 U.S.C. 112, applicable regulations of the National Guard Bureau and the
Oregon Counterdrug Support Plan, the Oregon Military Department is designated as a law enforce-
ment agency for the purpose of carrying out federal asset forfeiture laws only.

(2) Members of the organized militia serving on courts-martial, courts of inquiry, efficiency
boards, medical boards or other special duty requiring absence from their stations or business under
competent orders may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred at the rate established for
state employees under appropriate travel regulations issued by the Oregon Department of Adminis-
trative Services.

(3) In lieu of other provisions of this chapter, a medical examiner may be paid for services and
necessary disbursements and a properly appointed judge advocate may be paid for legal services and
necessary disbursements in any suit, action or proceeding, such amounts as shall be approved by the
Governor.

(4) Members of the organized militia shall not receive from the state the pay or the pay and
allowances provided for by this section when eligible for such pay and allowances from federal
funds.

(5) Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this chapter, members of the organized militia may
with their consent perform without pay or without pay and allowances any of the types of military
duty prescribed in this chapter and ORS chapters 396 and 398 pursuant to orders issued by compe-
tent military authority; provided however, that necessary traveling expenses, subsistence and per
diem allowances may be furnished such members within the discretion of the Adjutant General and
within the amount appropriated therefor.

(6) All pay and allowances provided for by this chapter, except per diem, mileage and expenses
while traveling under orders shall be subject to be applied to the payment of penalties and fines
imposed by military courts, and to the payment of any shortage of or injury to state or United States
property or funds for which a member of the organized militia is responsible or accountable where
such responsibility has been fixed by competent authority.

(7)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, members of the organized militia
who are ordered to state active duty shall be considered temporary employees of the military de-
partment.

(b) Members of the organized militia who are ordered to state active duty are not subject to
ORS chapter 240 and ORS 243.650 to 243.809.

(8) The limitations on employment imposed by ORS 238.082 (2) and (3) do not apply to a retired
member of the Public Employees Retirement System who has attained normal retirement age and is on
state active duty. Hours served by a person under this subsection shall not be counted for the purpose
of the limitations on employment imposed by ORS 238.082 (2) and (3).]

SECTION 8. ORS 431A.183 is amended to read:

431A.183. (1)(a) The Oregon Health Authority may enter into an agreement with federal agencies
to assist the authority in monitoring and enforcing federal laws and regulations related to tobacco
products or inhalant delivery systems.

(b) The authority may commission employees of the authority as federal officers for the purpose
of carrying out the duties prescribed under an agreement entered into under paragraph (a) of this
subsection.
(c) The authority may adopt rules and take any action necessary to carry out the authority’s duties as established under an agreement entered into under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(2)(a) The authority may enter into an agreement with federal, state and local government agencies, including federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, to assist the authority in carrying out the authority’s duties under ORS 431A.175 and to conduct random, unannounced inspections of wholesalers and retailers of tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems to ensure compliance with the laws of this state designed to discourage the use of tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems by persons under 21 years of age, including ORS 167.750, 167.755, 167.760, 167.765, 167.775, 167.780 and 431A.175.

(b) The authority shall ensure that a retailer is inspected as described in this subsection at least once each year. A retailer that is found to be out of compliance with the laws described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may be reinspected as the authority determines necessary.

(c) The authority may adopt rules to carry out paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(3)(a) If the authority enters into an agreement with the Department of State Police under subsection (2) of this section, the department may employ retired state police officers who are active reserve officers. Service by a retired state police officer under this paragraph is subject to ORS 238.082 sections 35 and 37, chapter 355, Oregon Laws 2019.

(b) The department may not use the services of a retired state police officer to displace an active state police member.

(4)(a) The authority may apply for and accept moneys from the federal government or other public or private sources and, in accordance with any federal restrictions or other funding source restrictions, use those moneys to carry out the duties and functions related to preventing the use of tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems by persons who are not of the minimum age to purchase tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems.

(b) Moneys received by the authority under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be deposited in the Oregon Health Authority Fund established under ORS 413.101. Moneys subject to a federal restriction or other funding source restriction must be accounted for separately from other fund moneys.

(5)(a) The authority shall submit a written report each biennium to the Governor and to the appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly to which matters of public health are assigned.

(b) The report submitted under this subsection must contain information describing:

(A) The activities carried out to enforce the laws listed in subsection (2) of this section during the previous biennium;

(B) The extent of success achieved in reducing the availability of tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems to persons under 21 years of age; and

(C) The strategies to be utilized for enforcing the laws listed in subsection (2) of this section during the biennium following the report.

(6) The authority shall adopt rules for conducting random inspections of establishments that distribute or sell tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems. The rules shall provide that inspections may take place:

(a) Only in areas open to the public;

(b) Only during the hours that tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems are distributed or sold; and

(c) No more frequently than once a month in any single establishment unless a compliance
problem exists or is suspected.

**SECTION 9.** Section 3, chapter 499, Oregon Laws 2007, as amended by section 1, chapter 108, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

Sec. 3. Section 2, chapter 499, Oregon Laws 2007, is repealed [January 2, 2026] on the effective date of this 2023 Act.

**SECTION 10.** Section 4, chapter 6, Oregon Laws 2016, is amended to read:

Sec. 4. Section 2 [of this 2016 Act is repealed January 2, 2026], chapter 6, Oregon Laws 2016, is repealed on the effective date of this 2023 Act.

**SECTION 11.** Section 3, chapter 475, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by section 1, chapter 48, Oregon Laws 2018, is amended to read:

Sec. 3. Section 2, chapter 475, Oregon Laws 2015, is repealed on [June 30, 2023] the effective date of this 2023 Act.

**SECTION 12.** ORS 238.082 and 238A.245 and section 38, chapter 355, Oregon Laws 2019, are repealed.