

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2422

Ordered by the House May 1
Including House Amendments dated May 1

Sponsored by Representative HUDSON; Representatives HARTMAN, NELSON, PHAM K, SOSA (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Directs Legislative Administrator to pay costs of reasonable accommodation of member of Legislative Assembly who is afforded rights and protections as person with disabilities under specified federal and state law. Directs Legislative Administration Committee to adopt interactive process to determine reasonable accommodations entitled to payment.

Appropriates moneys to Legislative Administration Committee to fund payments.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to removing financial barriers inhibiting persons with disabilities from serving in the Leg-
3 islative Assembly; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Administrator shall pay costs of a member of the Legis-**
6 **lative Assembly who is afforded rights and protections as a person with disabilities under**
7 **Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131 to 12165) and ORS chapter**
8 **659A that are incurred implementing reasonable accommodations to enable the member to**
9 **fully perform their duties as a member of the Legislative Assembly, including but not limited**
10 **to:**

11 (a) **Costs incurred for accessible transportation to and from the State Capitol, district**
12 **meetings or other legislative activities, to the extent the costs are associated with accom-**
13 **modating a disability and only in excess of amounts that would typically be incurred by a**
14 **member who is not afforded rights and protections as a person with disabilities;**

15 (b) **Costs incurred for staff necessary to ensure that the member can participate in all**
16 **legislative functions and activities and perform all of the duties imposed on a member of the**
17 **Legislative Assembly;**

18 (c) **Costs incurred in acquiring assistive technology needed to allow a member to fully**
19 **participate in all legislative activities and fully perform all legislative duties; and**

20 (d) **Costs incurred to access or modify temporary housing used by a member during a**
21 **legislative session, to the extent the costs are associated with accommodating a disability**
22 **and only in excess of amounts that would typically be incurred by a member who is not af-**
23 **forded rights and protections as a person with disabilities.**

24 (2) **The Legislative Administration Committee shall adopt processes to implement the**
25 **provisions of this section, including an interactive process to determine the reasonable ac-**
26 **commodations that are entitled to payment under this section.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **SECTION 2.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
2 ated to the Legislative Administration Committee, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023,
3 out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for the purpose of
4 making payments described in section 1 of this 2023 Act.

5 **SECTION 3.** This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
6 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect
7 on July 1, 2023.

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