

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 853

Ordered by the Senate February 24
Including Senate Amendments dated February 24

Sponsored by Senator KNOPP, Representatives BREESE-IVERSON, SCHARF; Senators ANDERSON, BONHAM, BOQUIST, CAMPOS, DEMBROW, FINDLEY, FREDERICK, GELSER BLOUIN, GIROD, GOLDEN, GORSEK, HANSELL, HAYDEN, JAMA, LIEBER, LINTHICUM, MANNING JR, MEEK, PATTERSON, PROZANSKI, ROBINSON, SMITH DB, SOLLMAN, STEINER, TAYLOR, THATCHER, WAGNER, WEBER, WOODS, Representatives BOSHART DAVIS, BOWMAN, CATE, CRAMER, DIEHL, ELMER, GOMBERG, GOODWIN, HELFRICH, HIEB, JAVADI, LEVY B, LEVY E, LEWIS, LIVELY, MANNIX, MCINTIRE, MORGAN, OSBORNE, OWENS, RESCHKE, REYNOLDS, STOUT, WRIGHT

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.

Prohibits state from paying costs of travel to or from Oregon for employee in state service who telecommutes from principal worksite **more than 60 miles** outside this state, **unless collective bargaining agreement provides otherwise or essential requirements of position make it necessary for employee to telecommute from outside this state.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to payment of travel for telecommuting state workers.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 243.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) Unless otherwise provided under the terms of a collective bargaining**
6 **agreement and except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the state may not pay the**
7 **costs of travel to or from Oregon for an employee in state service who telecommutes, as**
8 **defined in ORS 240.855, from a principal work site more than 60 miles outside the border of**
9 **this state.**

10 **(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply if the essential requirements of a tele-**
11 **commuting employee's position make it necessary for the employee to telecommute from the**
12 **principal work site outside of this state.**

13 **(3) This section does not limit or prohibit a state agency from allowing telecommuting**
14 **as provided in ORS 240.855.**

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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.