REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass		
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0		
	Yeas:	Barton, Fagan, Holvey, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Thompson, Weidner, Witt, Doherty	
	Nays:	0	
	Exc.:	0	
Prepared By:	Jan Nordlund, Administrator		
Meeting Dates:	5/13		

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Abolishes Wage and Hour Commission. Transfers all duties, functions and powers of Wage and Hour Commission to Bureau of Labor and Industries. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
* History of Wage and Hour Commission

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Wage and Hour Commission was formed in 1941 to establish the conditions of employment for women and children. The Commission is composed of three Governor-appointed and Senate-confirmed members, two of which must be of different political parties. The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) serves as the secretary and executive officer of the Wage and Hour Commission. In 1971, the Legislative Assembly gave the Commission authority to set minimum wages for all workers, not just women and children. Beginning in 1979, the Legislative Assembly has periodically revoked the Commission's authority. In 1995, the state conformed its child labor regulations pertaining to hazardous employment and the hours minors may work to those of the U.S. Department of Labor so that Oregon law would be consistent with federal law. This removed the last bit of authority the Commission held. Between 1995 and 2008, the Commission met only for the purpose of approving summaries of work permits for minors issued by BOLI each year. In September 2008, the Commission met for the last time and delegated all of its authority to the Commissioner of BOLI.

Senate Bill 135 abolishes the Wage and Hour Commission and transfers all powers and duties of the Commission to BOLI.

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