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Expected Impact of HB2960

- According to the National Institute on Retirement Security, 45% of Americans have no savings for retirement, putting their economic security at risk.
- Having access to a retirement plan at work helps people save for retirement, but only 43% of firms



in Oregon offer retirement plans to employees. Low income and part time workers are less likely to have access to a retirement savings plan through their employer.

- The average annual income for retirees in the bottom quartile is approximately \$7,500. Those with retirement plans receive, on average, \$3,700 from those plans.
- If Oregon offered a state-sponsored plan, we estimate that over 400,000 additional Oregonians could start saving for retirement.
- Workers who start saving for retirement through a state-sponsored plan today would collectively earn an additional \$2 billion per year in retirement income.

| Quartile of wage income | Number of additional people saving with HB 2960 (Thousands) | Increase in the number of people saving (%) | New annual retirement income from savings (average) |
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| Bottom 25% | 107 | 410% | \$3,702 |
| 25 - 50% | 122 | 115% | \$4,957 |
| 50 - 75% | 94 | 56% | \$8,932 |
| Тор 25% | 80 | 34% | \$29,313 |

Source: NERC analysis of 2000 – 2014 ASES data from the CPS. Results are from NERC's forthcoming report on Retirement Security in Oregon.