

SB 242

Relating to unemployment insurance

SB 242 authorizes the Employment Department to intercept tax refunds of individuals who have received overpaid UI benefits due to failure to report earnings, failure to report earnings accurately, or failure to make contributions to the Unemployment Compensation Fund. This bill also makes adjustments to Oregon's short term compensation/work share program, to maintain conformity with federal regulations.

The bill was subsequently referred to Ways and Means after receiving a unanimous "do pass" recommendation in the Senate Workforce Committee. The bill has a fiscal impact of \$352,484 Other Funds and 4 positions (2.50 FTE). Three of the positions are seasonal and are related to tax refund interception, and the remaining position is associated with changes to Work Share program. The bill also drives the need for one-time programming costs related to the Department's information systems. This fiscal impact is addressed through the recommended adoption of Policy Option Package 111 of the Employment Department's budget.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends SB 242 be reported out do pass.