

HB 2992 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires state boards and commissions to pay compensation and reimbursement of actual and necessary travel or other expenses to a qualified member. Defines qualified member as a member who is not in full-time public service and has a certain adjusted gross income for the previous tax year. Takes effect 91 days following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of technology and remote options for state board and commission meetings

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces measure. Increases amount of compensation to members of state boards and commissions for time spent in performance of official duties, unless otherwise limited or prohibited, to equal the per diem paid to members of the Legislative Assembly. Requires state boards and commissions to pay compensation and reimbursement of actual and necessary travel or other expenses to a qualified member. Defines qualified member as a member who is not in full-time public service and has an adjusted gross income for the previous tax year of less than \$50,000, or less than \$100,000 reported on a joint income tax return. Allows state board or commission member to decline to accept compensation or reimbursement of expenses. Takes effect 91 days following adjournment sine die.

BACKGROUND:

The Governor makes appointments to over 250 Boards and Commissions connected to various policy and subject matter areas, including to policy-making boards that head major state agencies and departments. Oregon law allows for, but does not require, per diem and reimbursement of certain travel expenses for members of state boards and commissions. ORS 292.495 allows for the compensation of board or commission members who are not public employees for each day or portion of a day in which they spend time performing board or commission duties and for the reimbursement of certain expenses. Member compensation or expense reimbursement is limited to boards or commissions where funding is available and where the allowance of compensation or expenses is not otherwise prohibited by statute. Information provided by the Department of Administrative Services in 2020 for approximately 235 state boards and commissions showed that about two-thirds pay mileage expenses to all members while just over half pay compensation or per diem to all members.

House Bill 2992 requires state boards and commissions to pay compensation and reimbursement of actual and necessary travel or other expenses to a member who is not in full-time public service and has a certain adjusted gross income for the previous tax year.