

SB 670 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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Meeting Dates: 3/25, 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Includes matters concerning development or termination of apprenticeship or training programs administered by mass transit district that has population of 500,000 or more as mandatory subject of collective bargaining for employees of district.

REVENUE: no impact

FISCAL: no impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History and operation of TriMet training and apprenticeship programs
- History and disposition of labor disputes between ATU and TriMet
- Relative merits of addressing all or parts of the TriMet training and apprenticeship programs in labor negotiations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Employee Collective Bargaining Act (PECBA) governs collective bargaining and dispute resolution processes for Oregon's public employers and unions representing public employees. PECBA obligates public employers, public employees, and their representatives to enter into collective negotiations to resolve grievances and disputes relating to employment relations. "Employment relations" includes matters concerning direct or indirect monetary benefits, hours, vacation, sick leave, labor organization access to and communication with represented employees, grievance procedures, and other conditions of employment.

Mass Transit Districts are municipal corporations of this state and are treated as local government. The governing body of the most populous city in a metropolitan statistical area may propose the creation of a mass transit district if the governing body finds that area-wide mass transit needs cannot be met by local transit operation. Once a mass transit district has been formed, the Governor appoints members of the board of directors. Oregon currently has three mass transit districts serving the Eugene, Salem, and Portland metro areas.

Senate Bill 670 amends the definition of "employment relations" under PECBA for employees of a mass transit district with a population of 500,000 or more to include matters concerning an apprenticeship or training program administered by the district and any standards relating to the certification or registration of that program. If enacted, the measure would only apply to TriMet, the mass transit district serving the Portland metro area.