

SB 759 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

Action Date: 03/23/21
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Hansell, Jama, Lieber, Riley
Exc: 1 - Kennemer
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 3/9, 3/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Legislative Administrator to represent legislative department in collective bargaining negotiations with legislative department employee bargaining units. Clarifies that only state agencies within executive department are represented by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services in collective bargaining negotiations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Function of the Public Employee Collective Bargaining Act
- Constitutional barriers to legislative branch organizing
- Provisions of the measure

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 is administered by the Employment Relations Board (ERB), an executive branch agency overseen by three members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

PECBA specifies that the Department of Administrative Services represents all state agencies in collective bargaining negotiations with represented executive branch employees and that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court represents the judicial department in collective bargaining negotiations with represented judicial department employees. The law is silent on legislative branch representation in collective bargaining negotiations with represented legislative branch employees.

Senate Bill 759 establishes that the Legislative Administrator represents the legislative department in collective bargaining negotiations with represented legislative branch employees.