

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 1565 -B

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Measure Description:

Makes unlawful practice for place of public accommodation to refuse to accept United States coins or currency as payment for goods and services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

The measure makes it unlawful for a place of public accommodation offering goods and services, or an person acting on behalf of such place, to refuse to accept United States coins or currency, including federal reserve bank notes and circulating notes of federal reserve banks and national banks, as payment for goods and services. A person who violates this measure may file a complaint with the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries. This measure takes effect on the 91st day after the Legislative Assembly adjourns.

The fiscal impact of this measure for the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) is indeterminate at this time. This measure creates a new claim that may be filed with the Civil Rights Division (CRD) within BOLI, that the division has not previously had authority to investigate. Although the agency is unable to predict how many claims will be filed, BOLI does know that when there are changes or an increase in awareness related to public accommodation protections, the number of claims increase significantly. Currently, BOLI has three intake officers that are each assigned 15-20 intakes a week which is already more than the current staff can handle therefore, if CRD receives additional intake inquires, the agency may need to seek additional staffing resources.

The Oregon Judicial Department and Department of Justice anticipate a minimal fiscal impact.