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Bill Title: Relating to the Ireland Trade Commission; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Task Force/Committee/Workgroup, Legislative Assembly, Legislative Policy and Research Office

Summary of Fiscal Impact

This measure establishes ongoing staffing responsibilities for the Legislative Policy and Research Office - see analysis below.

Measure Description

The measure creates the seven to nine-member Ireland Trade Commission which is to advance and encourage trade, investment, business and academic exchanges, economic support, and joint action on policy issues between Oregon and Ireland. The Commission is to meet at least twice per year. Members of the Commission are to be paid compensation and expenses. The Legislative Policy and Research Office is to provide administrative staff support for meetings of the Commission.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$115,121 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium and \$182,962 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium for the Legislative Policy and Research Office to provide staffing support to the Commission. These costs could vary depending on the level of support required by the Commission. The fiscal impact on the Legislative Assembly is minimal. The estimated cost for compensating non-legislative committee members is up to \$13,600 General Fund in 2023-25 and up to \$21,700 General Fund in 2025-27.

Legislative Policy and Research Office

The bill requires LPRO to provide administrative staff support to the Commission on an ongoing basis. This support is estimated to require one Senior Legislative Analyst and one Committee Assistant, both assigned part-time to the Commission (each 0.19 FTE in 2023-25, and 0.30 FTE in 2025-27), at a total cost of \$115,121 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium, and \$182,962 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium. These costs could vary based on multiple factors. While the Commission must meet at least twice a year, they may meet more frequently. Additionally, while there are no specific reporting requirements, the Commission may submit reports to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to trade, and to the Governor. Should the Commission meet more frequently or request assistance from LPRO to prepare reports, the agency may need additional positions to support this work.

Legislative Assembly

The bill is expected to have a minimal impact on the Legislative Assembly. Two members of the Commission will be legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. Meetings are set by the chairperson and it is currently unknown how often the Commission would meet; however, assuming that the Commission meets five times in the 2023-25 biennium and quarterly the biennium after, the estimated per diem and travel reimbursement costs will total \$3,000 in the 2023-25 biennium and \$4,000 in the 2025-27 biennium. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax, assumes the per diem remains at \$166

per day, and estimates an average mileage of 180 miles at the current rate of \$0.67 per mile. This estimate could change based on the number of meetings held.

Although the 2023-25 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for interim committees and task forces, if the work required by the Commission, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2023-25 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

Non-Legislative Commission Member Compensation

The estimated cost for compensating non-legislative commission members is up to \$13,600 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium for seven non-legislative members and five meetings; and up to \$21,700 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium for seven members and quarterly meetings.

Relevant Dates

The bill takes effect on the 91st day after the Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.