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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

Summary of Fiscal Impact

This measure has an indeterminate impact - see explanatory analysis.

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. Members of the Commission are to be paid compensation and expenses.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of this measure is indeterminate. Known costs include compensation and reimbursement totaling \$4,000 per biennium for legislative members. However, this measure does not assign responsibility for support of the Commission to any specific state agency. Without this information, it is not known if there would be costs for positions to staff the Commission, costs related to holding meetings, or any other expenses related to facilitation of the Commission’s work. Absent this information, it is also not possible to provide funding for compensation and reimbursement of non-legislative Commission members, since it is not clear which agency budget these funds would need to be appropriated to.

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 so it is unknown how often the Commission would meet; however, assuming that the Commission meets quarterly, 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.

Relevant Dates

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

The Commission is to report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to trade, and the Governor, by September 15 of each year.