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Bill Title: Relating to a sister state committee for Oregon and Ireland.

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

Summary of Fiscal Impact

The measure establishes a committee- See explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure creates the nine-member Oregon-Ireland Sister State Committee to organize activities for and host visiting delegations from Ireland, participate in delegations visiting Ireland, facilitate the exchange of knowledge between Oregon and Ireland including joint projects, and take any action necessary to coordinate and promote an economic relationship. The committee may visit Ireland at least once per biennium. The committee is authorized to meet, at most, twice a year. The bill directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office to provide staff support for one meeting before and one meeting after the committee visits Ireland.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is anticipated to be minimal, assuming non-legislative monies would fund any trips to Ireland. The measure does not specify a sunset date for the committee, and it is assumed to be permanent.

Legislative Policy and Research Office

The bill requires the Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) to provide staff support to the committee for one or two meetings per year. Assuming the limited number of meetings, no requirements to prepare reports, and no requirement to assist in planning overseas trips, LPRO anticipates a minimal fiscal impact with existing staff to provide support to this committee, including one Senior Legislative Analyst (0.10 FTE) and one Committee Assistant assigned part-time to the committee (0.10 FTE), at a total cost of \$51,151 General Fund for the 2025-27 biennium, and \$51,326 General Fund for the 2025-29 biennium. Although LPRO's current service level budget supports interim task forces and committees, if the work required by this committee, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim task forces and committees exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2025-27 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

Legislative Assembly

The bill is also expected to have a minimal impact on the Legislative Assembly. Any member of the committee who is a legislative member is entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement (within the United States). This committee is not permitted to meet more than twice per calendar year. Assuming the committee meets two to three times, the estimated per diem and travel reimbursement costs will total \$1,900 for two members in the 2025-27 biennium, and with four meetings, \$2,600 in the 2027-29 biennium. These estimates include 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. The committee would not incur additional costs to the Legislative Assembly budget if the meetings are held at the Capitol building during the Legislative Session, or Task Force or Legislative Days.

Although the 2025-27 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for interim task forces and committees, if the work required by this committee, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim task forces and committees exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2025-27 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

There is no fiscal impact to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.