

## SB 751 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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**Action Date:** 04/03/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. Refer to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

**Vote:** 4-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Bonham, Hayden, Pham, Taylor

**Exc:** 1 - Woods

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/25, 3/26, 4/3

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure creates the Task Force on Health Insurance Coverage for Retired Police and Fire Members of the Public Employees Retirement System. The measure specifies membership on and directives for the task force. The measure requires the task force to submit a report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to general government by January 1, 2026. The measure requires the Legislative Policy and Research Office and the Legislative Fiscal Office to provide staff support to the task force. Sunsets on June 30, 2026. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Labor shortage within police and fire
- Competition with neighboring states for these workers
- Medical insurance expenses during retirement

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) provides retirement benefits for state agencies and approximately 900 units of local government. PERS is overseen by a five-member board that appoints an executive director to manage the agency's daily operations, including the management of benefits for more than 393,000 active, inactive, and retired members and beneficiaries.

In 2024, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 4045. HB 4045 lowered the normal retirement age for police officers and firefighters under the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan (OPSRP), provided that district attorneys, forensic scientists, and evidence technicians qualify as police officers under PERS and established a new class of hazardous positions under OPSRP.

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