

**HB 3262 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Health Care**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Defines public assistance programs. Defines subsidized business as a business that employs at least 100 full-time or part-time employees in Oregon through a subsidiary or franchise, and is primarily engaged in the retail distribution, food, hospitality, or call center industry. Defines subsidized employee as an employee of a business who receives public assistance, or who receives public assistance on behalf of a minor. Creates the Taxpayer Reimbursement Fund in the State Treasury. Establishes an assessment to be imposed on a subsidized business for each tax year a business employs a subsidized employee. Specifies assessment amount is to equal the amount the state paid in public assistance to subsidized employees. Authorizes the Department of Revenue to administer, collect, and enforce the assessment including subpoena authority and prosecution. Specifies interest and penalties for late payment or failure to pay assessment. Specifies monies collected through the assessment are to be deposited in the Oregon Rainy Day Fund for state expenditures on public assistance programs. Directs Department of Revenue (DOR) to allocate a portion of the assessment funds to Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and the Employment Department (ED) to reimburse the agencies the costs of managing each agency's responsibilities as specified in the measure. Authorizes OHA, DHS, ED, and DOR to establish interagency agreements to implement and carry out provisions of the measure. Specifies confidentiality requirements for data sharing among agencies. Prohibits employers from refusing to hire a person that receives public assistance. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**