Senate Bill 852

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor’s brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Provides that part-time faculty member at public institution of higher education who qualifies for health care benefits will pay 10 percent of insurance premiums, with remaining 90 percent paid by state.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to employees at public institutions of higher education; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 350.355.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 350.355 is amended to read:

350.355. (1) Subject to ORS 352.237 and any group health and welfare insurance benefit plan developed under ORS 352.237, a part-time faculty member at a public institution of higher education is eligible for the same health care benefits as full-time faculty members if the part-time faculty member is eligible for membership in the Public Employees Retirement System or another plan authorized under ORS chapter 238 or 238A by teaching either at a single public institution of higher education or in aggregate at multiple public institutions of higher education during the prior year.

(2) A part-time faculty member at a public institution of higher education shall pay all 10 percent of the insurance premiums for health care benefits, with the remaining 90 percent of the insurance premiums paid by the state out of funds appropriated to the Oregon Educators Benefit Board by the Legislative Assembly unless otherwise provided for by the policy of the institution or by collective bargaining at the institution.

(3) The Oregon Educators Benefit Board may make rules to implement this section.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 350.355 by section 1 of this 2019 Act become operative and first apply to health care benefits offered to part-time faculty members on September 1, 2020.

SECTION 3. The Oregon Educators Benefit Board shall, before the operative date specified in section 2 of this 2019 Act, take any actions necessary to implement the amendments to ORS 350.355 by section 1 of this 2019 Act on the operative date specified in section 2 of this 2019 Act.