

2003 Passed Legislation Relating to Workers' Compensation

BILL	DESCRIPTION	Effective Date	Affected ORS
** Pending Governor's signature			
SB 63	Relates to hearings in claims involving multiple employers	1/1/04	Sec. 1 – 656.262 Sec. 2 – 656.283
SB 81	Relating to correction of erroneous material in Oregon law; creating new provisions; amending ORS (Specifically inserts 'Corporation' behind reference to the State Accident Insurance Fund.)	1/1/04	Sec. 399 – 656.054
SB 233	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eliminates claim closure penalties • legal representation for assigned claims agent • security for self-insured employers • notice of election of coverage and notice of cancellation of coverage by employer • termination of guaranty contracts • joint and several liability for multiple entities certified as one self-insured employer • electronic records, and rules regarding electronic transmission • notice of orders and appeal periods 	1/1/04	Sec. 1 – 656.054 Sec. 12 – 656.254 Sec. 2 – 656.407 Sec. 3 – 656.419 Sec. 4 – 656.423 Sec. 5 – 656.427 Sec. 6 – 656.430 Sec. 7 – 656.726 Sec. 8 – 656.735 Sec. 9 – 656.740 Sec. 13 – 656.745 Sec. 14 – 656.750
SB 234	Eliminates MLAC review of disability rating standards for individual claims	1/1/04	Sec. 1 – 656.726
SB 250	Relates to information systems administered by Director of Employment Department. Adjusts who is allowed to provide new information to Interagency Shared Information System. Defines participants & partners in the Performance Reporting Information System.	1/1/04	Sec. 1 – 657.732 Sec. 2 – 657.734
SB 285	Allows insurer or self-insured employer to request reconsideration of notice of closure	1/1/04	Sec. 1 - 656.268
SB 286	Workers' Compensation Board panels to be 2 members with different backgrounds, and to include public member if the two cannot agree	1/1/04	Sec. 1 - 656.718
SB 620	Modifies process for determining attorney fees in certain workers' compensation disputes	1/1/04**	Sec. 1 – 656.262 Sec. 2 – 656.385 Sec. 3 _ Applies to all claims where order not final
SB 749	Allows private community care providers to participate in worker's compensation self-insurance pool established in 1999.	6/17/03	Sec. 1 – WC Self-Insurance Pool for Private community care providers

SB 757	Modifies method of calculating permanent partial disability awards for workers' compensation injuries.	1/1/04	Sec. 1 – 656.214 Sec. 2 – 656.214 Sec. 3 – 656.726 Sec. 4 – 656.726 Sec. 5 – 656.206 Sec. 6 – 656.206 Sec. 7 – 656.268 Sec. 8 – 656.268 Sec. 9 – 656.307 Sec.10 – 656.307 Sec.11 – 656.325 Sec.12 – 656.325 Sec.13 & 14 – (apply to DOI on or after 1/1/05) Sec. 15 & 16 – (Sec. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 apply to DOI on or after 1/1/08)
SB 914	Requires Director or paying agent to administer supplemental temp disability benefits in certain worker's comp claims. Modifies reporting requirements for workers' compensation claims by insurer and self-insured employer. Requires director to conduct evaluation of claims reporting requirements.	1/1/04**	Sec. 1 – 656.210 Sec. 2 – 656.262 Sec. 3 – 656.264 Sec. 4 – Director to report to MLAC by 12/15/04
SB 924	Makes certain persons performing translator and interpreter services nonsubject workers for purposes of worker's compensation statutes.	1/1/04	Sec. 1 - 656.027
SB 932	Relating to required notice of worker's compensation claim	1/1/04	Sec. 1 – 656.265
HB 2276	Broadens relief available in civil actions for violations of injured workers' rights to reinstatement or re-employment	7/1/03	Sec. 1 – 659A.885
HB 2305	Revises state policy and requirements for use and disclosure of certain health information.	5/24/03	Sec. 1 – new privacy language Sec. 4 – record copy fee schedule Sec. 5 – model authorization form Sec. 8 – repeals 192.525 & 192.530
HB 2340	Relating to transfer of Child Support Program from Department of Human Services to Department of Justice; creating new provisions; amending (changes term 'pursuant to' to 'under')	7/1/03	Sec. 70 – 656.234
HB 2522	Clarifies supervision and control of Ombudsman for Injured Workers and Small Business Ombudsman by Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services. Modifies duties of ombudsmen. Requires quarterly reports from ombudsmen to Governor.	7/17/03	Sec. 16 – 656.709

HB 2526	Repeals sunset on laws creating Hearing Officer Panel.	5/22/03	Sec. 71 – 183.310 Sec. 28 - 183.341 Sec. 29 – 183.415 Sec. 48 – 656.704
HB 2646	Changes term ‘decree’ to ‘judgement’	1/1/04	Sec. 530 – 656.440 Sec. 531 – 656.566
HB 3120	Creates Reg. Streamlining Adv. Comm.; Describes duties; Addresses Public Involvement in rule-making; amends ORS	Emergency Clause	Sec. 5 – 183.335 Sec. 6 – 183.390 Sec. 7 – 183.540 Sec. 17 – 183.545 & 183.550
HB 3177	Allows Department of Consumer and Business Services to issue warrants for collection of debts owed to department.	1/1/04	Sec. 3 – 18.900
HB 3630	Relating to certain physicians and SAIF establishing a Medical Professional Liability insurance plan	Emergency Clause **	Sec. 9 – 656.632
HB 3669	Authorizes certified nurse practitioners to provide compensable medical services and authorize temporary disability benefit workers’ compensation claims.	1/1/04 ** Note: see Sec. 30 10/1/04	Sec. 1 – 656.005 Sec. 2 – 656.005 Sec. 3 – 656.245 Sec. 4 – 656.245 Sec. 5 – 656.250 Sec. 6 – 656.250 Sec. 7 – 656.252 Sec. 8 – 656.252 Sec. 9 – 656.262 Sec.10 – 656.262 Sec.11 – 656.268 Sec.12 – 656.268 Sec.13 – 656.325 Sec.14 – 656.325 Sec.15 – 656.340 Sec.16 – 656.340 Sec.17 – 656.726 Sec.18 – 656.726 Sec.19 – 657.170 Sec.20 – 657.170 Sec.21 – 659A.043 Sec.22 – 659A.043 Sec.23 – 659A.046 Sec.24 – 659A.046 Sec.25 – 659A.049 Sec.26 – 659A.049 Sec.27 – 659A.063 Sec.28 – 659A.063 Sec. 29 – Develop Ed. Materials