

# House Bill 2778

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR (at the request of AFSCME Council 75)

## SUMMARY

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Requires Oregon Department of Administrative Services to adopt process to identify entry level and light duty assignments for injured state workers.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to injured state workers; amending ORS 659A.052; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 659A.052 is amended to read:

5 659A.052. (1) For the purpose of administration of ORS 659A.043 and 659A.046:

6 (a) An injured worker employed at the time of injury by any agency in the legislative depart-  
7 ment of the government of this state shall have the right to reinstatement or reemployment at any  
8 available and suitable position in any agency in the legislative department.

9 (b) An injured worker employed at the time of injury by any agency in the judicial department  
10 of the government of this state shall have the right to reinstatement or reemployment at any avail-  
11 able and suitable position in any agency in the judicial department.

12 (c) An injured worker employed at the time of injury by any agency of the executive or admin-  
13 istrative department of the government of this state shall have the right to reinstatement or reem-  
14 ployment at any available and suitable position in any agency of the executive or administrative  
15 department.

16 (2) Notwithstanding ORS 659A.043 and 659A.046, an injured worker referred to in subsection (1)  
17 of this section has preference for entry level and light duty assignments with agencies described in  
18 subsection (1) of this section. In accordance with the provisions of ORS chapter 183, any agency  
19 referred to in subsection (1) of this section [*may adopt rules to define*] **by rule shall adopt a process**  
20 **to identify** entry level and light duty assignments. However, the rulemaking power for all agencies  
21 referred to in subsection (1)(c) of this section shall be exercised by the Administrator of the Per-  
22 sonnel Division.

23 (3) In accordance with any applicable provision of ORS chapter 240, the Administrator of the  
24 Personnel Division [*may*] **shall** compel compliance with this section and ORS 659A.043 and 659A.046  
25 by any agency referred to in subsection (1)(c) of this section.

26 **SECTION 2. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
27 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**  
28 **on its passage.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.