

## Senate Committee on Judiciary

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Chair Prozanski and members of the committee:

My name is John C. Powell. I am an attorney with John Powell & Associates.

Today I speak on behalf of Standard Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual and State Farm Insurance Companies in opposition to SB 313 and SB 314. These insurers market most lines of insurance in Oregon, including but not limited to property/casualty, life, disability, long-term care, and worker's compensation insurance. We oppose SB 313 and SB 314, which both seek to add insurance to Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act (UTPA). The UTPA is a statute that protects consumers from unfair general business practices by granting the Attorney General jurisdiction over such matters as well as creating private causes of action. Insurance was explicitly excluded from the UTPA when it was written and should remain so for many reasons.

This testimony will focus on the wide difference between the insurance product and other products consumers would buy at an appliance store, automobile dealership, a retail electronics outlet, an online subscription service, etc. This is really the issue raised by SB 313 and SB 314 and why each form of commerce should be regulated differently. In addition, this testimony will discuss the regulatory framework of the insurance marketplace today, the vast array of remedies available to consumers under current law and finally why SB 313 and SB 314 are unnecessary and unwise public policy.

When a consumer purchases a product in general commerce she is depending on the manufacturer and retailer to be fair. The consumer expects the product to be of reasonable quality and fairly represented by all involved in the sale. Those transactions and the actions of the parties are protected under the UTPA.

On the other hand, when a consumer purchases an insurance product, the issue of fairness has been addressed before the product can even be sold and marketed to the consumer. The Oregon Insurance Division (OID) must first approve the actual wording of the policy (*see Exhibit #1*). After the sale of an insurance product, the consumer continues to be protected by an entire governmental department, the OID. Insurance products, insurance companies and their producers/agents are subject to an entire section of Oregon law – over 575 pages of statute known as the Insurance Code (ORS 731-752).

Within the Insurance Code, insurers and insurance producers/agents are subject to extensive and specific trade practice laws in ORS 746, including a section entitled, Unfair Claim Settlement Practices (ORS 746.230) (*See Exhibit #2*). This act gives protections to consumers against misrepresentations, delay in processing claims fairly and failure of insurers to respond promptly to communications related to claims, among many more protections. It is important to note here that both SB 313 and SB 314 specifically propose to link the Unfair Claim Settlement Practices with the UTPA thereby creating both 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> party "second lawsuits" for any perceived violation (SB 313 does it on page 2 line 19 and SB 314 on page 6 line 38). This is important to

note because Oregon's Unfair Claim Settlement Practices were taken in large part from the National Association of Insurance Commissioner's (NAIC) model act. In a footnote to the model act, the NAIC warns against precisely what is sought in SB 313 and SB 314:

"Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to set forth standards for the investigation and disposition of claims arising under policies or certificates of insurance issued to residents of [insert state]. It is not intended to cover claims involving workers' compensation, fidelity, suretyship or boiler and machinery insurance. Nothing herein shall be construed to create or imply a private cause of action for violation of this Act.

**Drafting Note: A jurisdiction choosing to provide for a private cause of action should consider a different statutory scheme. This Act is inherently inconsistent with a private cause of action.** This is merely a clarification of original intent and not indicative of any change of position. The NAIC has promulgated the Unfair Property/Casualty Claims Settlement Practices and the Unfair Life, Accident and Health Claims Settlement Practices Model Regulations pursuant to this Act." (<http://www.naic.org/store/free/MDL-900.pdf>)

Furthermore, the Insurance Code gives nearly unlimited regulatory authority to the Director of the Department of Consumer & Business Services (DCBS). ORS 746.240 is entitled, Undefined trade practices injurious to public prohibited, which states:

"No person shall engage in this state in any trade practice that, although not expressly defined and prohibited in the Insurance Code, is found by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services to be an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the transaction of insurance that is injurious to the insurance-buying public."

In other words, under ORS 746.240, the insurance regulatory regime is so broad that the director of DCBS has the authority and discretion under current law to go after insurers or producers/agents for actions that are not even prohibited by law or rule.

In addition to the Insurance Code, the OID has vast rulemaking powers. **Exhibit #3** is a copy of the table of contents of the OID's rules, just to give you an idea of how expansive the regulation of insurance is in Oregon. The Insurance Code and related administrative rules grant the Director of DCBS the authority to issue fines, issue cease and desist orders, revoke producer/agent licenses, and revoke the licenses of an entire insurance company to do business in Oregon. (*See Exhibit #4* for actions OID took in 2014)

In the 2013 Regular Session, the legislature passed SB 414 granting the Insurance Commissioner the authority to order an insurer to pay restitution to a consumer (see Exhibit #5).

In addition to the regulation described above, worker's compensation insurance is regulated by a separate division of DCBS, the Worker's Compensation Division. Insurers selling worker's

compensation coverage are regulated by this Division of government, and as you know, worker's compensation insurance has its own voluminous consumer protection statutes and rules.

Insurance and the method of regulating it are different from other industries covered by the UTPA. The Insurance Code was drafted to deal *particularly* with insurance and creates a form of regulation that deals with the content of the product before it is sold and trade practices after it is sold. This large body of law and regulation is enforced by a specific agency that has teeth and expertise.

Currently, in addition to and beyond the regulatory protection outlined above, a consumer may file a civil action in court against an insurance company or producer/agent under the following actions (**See Exhibit #6** for more details on the actions listed below):

1. Breach of contract for policy benefits
2. Consequential damages for breach of contract
3. Emotional distress damages for breaches of contract that directly cause physical injury
4. Damages in excess of the state policy limit for failing to adequately defend the insured
5. Unrestricted damages for the tort of intentional infliction of emotional distress
6. Unrestricted damages for the tort of intentional interference with contractual relations
7. Unrestricted damages for the tort of fraudulent reductions or denials of benefits
8. Punitive damages where the misconduct of the insurer has been deliberate, intentional, wanton and willful
9. Assignability of claims against insurers
10. Attorneys fees for actions on the policy
11. Actions against the insurer to recover policy proceeds following entry of a judgment

In summary, the business of insurance is distinct and different than the general scope of the other industries that are in effect regulated by the UTPA. Consumers are protected by an entire agency dedicated solely to regulating insurance products, companies and agents. In addition there are many remedies available to consumers both through the insurance division and the restitution authority granted by SB 414 (2013 Regular Session) as well as through the courts. SB 313 and SB 314 seek to establish unnecessary additional and costly remedies that are "inherently inconsistent" with the intent and design of Oregon's Insurance regulatory system. For an in-depth analysis of the costs SB 313 and SB 314 would impose on the courts and the insurance buying public, please see testimony submitted by Robert (Bob) R. Nash of State Farm.

Chair Prozanski and members of the committee, on behalf of insurers, producers/agents and insurance policyholders, we ask you to oppose SB 313 and SB 314.

Sincerely,

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## STANDARDS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE FORMS FILING

This checklist (product standards) has been provided as an aid to assist you in preparing your filing. Please complete this checklist and attach it to the Supporting Documentation tab where indicated. ORS 731.296, OAR 836-010-0011 (2) & (3). This checklist includes relevant statutes, rules, bulletins, and other documented positions to enforce ORS 731.016. **The standards are summaries. Review of the entire statute or rule may be necessary.** After diligent consideration has been given to each item, mark either the "Yes" or the "N/A" box, or provide the page and paragraph where the information may be found. If a state specific amendatory endorsement is being used, please note the form number under the page and paragraph area. Compliance with these provisions must be certified by both the filer and an officer of the company signing the Certificate of Compliance form. These signatures certify the forms being submitted meet the requirements of our checklist and statutes. "Not applicable" can be used only if the item does not apply to the coverage being filed. Any line left blank may result in the delay or disapproval of the filing.

### The checklist is NOT APPLICABLE to the following:

- For TOIs not listed, see our Web site for specific standards at: [http://insurance.oregon.gov/docs/seff/filing\\_requirements.html](http://insurance.oregon.gov/docs/seff/filing_requirements.html).
- Adopting bureau forms, see requirements under *Bureau Form Adoption* on our Web site.
- Adopting rating organization loss cost; see requirements under *Rating Organizations Loss Cost* on our Web site.
- Motor-vehicle applications filed separately from the policy; see specific standards on our Web site.
- Mechanical breakdown, GAP and rental vehicle company filings; see specific requirements on our Web site.
- Filing of simple endorsements, title or declaration pages, or advertisements does not require a checklist of standards; see the Web site.

Insurer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Market:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOI (type of insurance):**  19.0 Personal Auto

**Commercial lines**  
 20.0 Commercial Auto  
 20.0001 Business Auto  
 20.0002 Garage  
 20.0003 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 20.0004 Truckers

**Type of filing:**

- Standard market
- Non-standard market

Antique/classic  
 Named driver exclusion (Requirements listed under limits.)

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL FILINGS

Review requirement	Reference	Description of review standards requirements	Check answer
Requirements	OAR 836-010-0011 As required on SERFF or our Web site	<p>Filing requirements are located on SERFF or on our Web site at: <a href="http://www.insurance.oregon.gov/docs/serff/filing_requirements.html">www.insurance.oregon.gov/docs/serff/filing_requirements.html</a>.</p> <p>If filing via SERFF, the correct information must be attached to the appropriate schedule items in order for your filing to be considered complete.</p> <p>The clean copy of the submitted form must be attached under the Form Schedule tab.</p> <p>Each form filed for approval must be attached to a separate Schedule Item under this tab. <b>The form number should appear exactly as shown on the PDF document.</b> Any edition/revision date used in the form number must be included under the Form Number column. It is not necessary to use the Edition Date column. However, if you prefer to use the Edition Date column, please do not include the edition date in the Form Number column. The Form Type column and the Action Specific Data column must be completed correctly by providing the Oregon Filing Number of the previous filing, and the correct form number with the edition date of the form being replaced. Please do not file the same form for approval more than once. If the same policy form will be used for multiple product offerings, it need only be filed once. Provide an explanation of the different programs under the General Filing Description in SERFF, or in a cover letter. Forms of a generic nature that will be used on different lines of insurance may be filed using "interline" coding. Use the General Filing Description or a cover letter to note all of the lines or programs it will apply to. For example, a FRAUD WARNING STATEMENT filed as a simple endorsement that could be attached to all personal lines or all commercial lines policies, need only be sent once; thereby avoiding duplicates of the same form being assigned to more than one analyst.</p> <p>If submitting a paper filing, please see 9 below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The NAIC Transmittal form (for paper filings only not required for SERFF filings).</li> <li>2. Is a Filing Description attached under the General Information tab, or a Cover letter or Filing Memorandum attached under the Supporting Documentation tab that explains the intent or purpose of the forms/rules/rates?</li> <li>3. Is a third party filers' letter of authorization attached if applicable?</li> <li>4. The signed Certificate of Compliance, form 440-3894 is attached to the Supporting Documentation tab</li> </ol>	<p>Yes      N/A</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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Requirements, continued	OAR 836-010-0011 As required on SERFF or our Web site	<p>5. For form submissions, has a comparison document (annotated, highlighted, red-lined, or side-by-side) been provided for each previously approved form? Submit document/s under the Supporting Documentation tab. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>6. The rates and/or rules are attached to the Rate Schedule tab. An actuarial documentation that provides an overview of the contents of the filing, and the reasons and procedures used to support the rate change has been attached to the Supporting Documentation tab. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>7. The forms being filed for approval are attached to the Form Schedule tab.</p> <p>8. Attach to the Supporting Documentation tab, those approved amendatory endorsements which bring the forms into compliance with Oregon statutes. For example: Domestic Partnerships, Fraud, Appraisal/Arbitration, Cancellation and Non-renewal, Proof of Loss, and Suit. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>9. When submitting a paper filing, send two complete sets of the entire filing. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope that is large enough to return the second copy of the filing.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.468	<p><u>Exemptions from these standards:</u> (ORS 742.468) Certain policies are not considered motor vehicle liability policies and do not mandate types or amounts of coverage. The following are not considered motor-vehicle liability policies and may not be used as evidence of motor vehicle financial responsibility. Refer to form 440-3610, the appropriate product standards for these lines.</p> <p>(1) Comprehensive general liability. (2) Excess liability. (3) Umbrella liability.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.003(1)	<p><u>Included in this filing for review:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New policy or program.</li> <li>2. Endorsements amending an existing program that include additional coverages in these standards need only attach the pages addressing that area.</li> <li>3. Notice of claim requirements issued with liability policies</li> <li>4. Application form.</li> <li>5. Insurance identification card.</li> <li>6. Statement Electing Lower Limits (example in Exhibit 1 under OAR 836-054-0000).</li> </ol>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discrimination	ORS 106.300 thru ORS 106.340 Bulletin 2008-2 OAR 836-081-0010	A provision that recognizes a domestic partnership is included in the policy. Terms and provisions in the Insurance Code and in rules adopted under the Code that refer to or indicate the marital relationship, its dissolution and dependents in a marital relationship will apply in the same manner to domestic partnerships, to their dissolution and to dependents in the partnership.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Requirements	ORS 742.003	No policy has been issued or will be issued using the forms in this filing until the filing is approved.	Complied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other related forms	Reference	Description of review standards requirements	Check answer
Review requirement Cancellation/ Non-renewal	ORS 742.570	When required by ORS 742.570, notification is given to the named insured of possible eligibility for automobile liability insurance through any insurance pool or facility operating in Oregon when automobile bodily injury and property damage liability coverage is canceled. The notice is included with the notice of cancellation or the notice of intent not to renew.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Requirements	ORS 742.447	<b>Insurance Card</b> - A card is issued for each covered vehicle with every motor vehicle liability policy. The card must show the effective date and the expiration date of insurance that meets either the financial or future-responsibility requirements of ORS Chapter 806. Refer to <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/driverid/insurance.shtml">http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/driverid/insurance.shtml</a> .	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Requirements	ORS 746.290	<b>Notice of Claim</b> - Motor vehicle liability policies are accompanied by a prominent notice of the claim rights and responsibilities of the insured and notice that a particular repair shop cannot be required as a condition for recovery.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Uninsured/ underinsured motorist	ORS 742.502(2)(b) OAR 836-054-0000	<b>Statement Electing Lower Limits</b> - The company meets one of the following to satisfy the approval requirement: <u>Approval option 1</u> - The example statement obtained from OID is used for electing lower limits.  <u>Approval option 2</u> - The statement used is in substantial compliance and includes the following: (a) An acknowledgment by the named insured that the named insured was offered uninsured-motorist coverage with limits equal to those for bodily injury liability. (b) A brief summary, not part of the insurance contract, of uninsured- and underinsured-motorist coverages. (c) A statement of the price for coverage per insured vehicle, with limits equal to the named insured's bodily injury-liability limits and the price for coverage per insured vehicle with the lower limits requested by the named insured. (d) A notice to the effect that the statement shall remain in force until rescinded in writing by a named insured or until such time as motor-vehicle-bodily-injury-liability limits are changed. (e) Signed, dated, and submitted within 60 days from the time insured elects lower limits.  <u>Approval option 3</u> - The statement is included in this filing for prior approval or has been previously approved and complies with ORS 742.502 (2)(b)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

Application form	Review requirement	Reference	Description of review standards requirements	Check answer or enter page & paragraph
Applications		ORS 742.458(1) Bulletin 2010-3	The application is filed for approval as part of the entire contract as required under ORS 742.003(1) and does not conflict with laws relating to the coverage. If fraud language is included in the policy, a fraud warning must be included in the application.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.562 ORS 742.564		<b>Cancellation</b> - The application does not state coverage will be considered "null and void." It may state that coverage may be canceled or a claim denied. Notice of cancellation is delivered by the insurer to the named insured at least 30 days prior to the effective date of cancellation and is accompanied by the reason for cancellation, unless cancellation is for nonpayment of premium, in which case at least 10 days' notice of cancellation is given accompanied by the reason.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 746.265(2)(a)		<b>Conviction for violations</b> - The application asks for convictions of violations, not just violations. The application should not use non-specific terminology, such as: tickets, citations, occurrences, incidents, etc.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 746.661 ORS 746.662 ORS 746.663 OAR 836-080-0425 thru OAR 836-080-0440		<b>Credit Scoring for Personal Lines</b> - Credit history may be used as a factor in underwriting and rating new business. The Use of Personal Information Disclosure portion of a personal lines application may indicate that credit will be checked for new business. Once an account has been underwritten and rated that score may not be reviewed or changed unless the policyholder requests it. The renewal score may only be changed if it results in a lower rate/premium.	
	ORS 746.260 ORS 746.265(2)(a) & 3		<b>Personal Auto Driving Record</b> - The application does not ask for convictions or accidents beyond three years immediately preceding the application for new or renewal coverage unless the question is specifically asked to provide a discount. The application should not use non-specific terminology, such as: tickets, citations, occurrences, incidents, etc.	
	ORS 802.200(9) ORS 802.202 ORS 825.410		<b>Commercial Auto/Garage Driving Record</b> - The insurer may ask for information regarding accidents and convictions for violations as outlined in ORS 802.200 (9). The application should not use non-specific terminology, such as: tickets, citations, occurrences, incidents, etc.	
	ORS 746.265(2)(c) ORS 809.280 (7) or (9) ORS 742.450(6), OAR 836-058-0010		<b>Non-driving Offense Prohibited</b> - The application does not ask for records of convictions or driver-license suspensions that are non-driving offenses. <b>Named Drivers Exclusion</b> -A named insured cannot be an excluded driver. Any excluded driver must be named on an approved Named Driver Exclusion endorsement that is signed by all named insureds on the policy.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

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Application, continued	ORS 742.013 ORS 742.456 ORS 742.458 ORS 742.562(1)(b) ORS 742.564 Bulletin INS 2010-3	<p><b>Fraud warning</b> - If the policy has fraud, concealment, misrepresentation language, then the application is required to include a fraud warning. If one is included, it is general in nature and does not state that the applicant is "guilty" of fraud, but that he or she "may be" guilty of fraud. Fraud or misstatement warnings that mention criminal or civil penalties must avoid definite statements of the criminal nature of an act, guilt, or possible penalties. A warning that specifies that knowingly providing false information "may be" a crime, which "may be" grounds for criminal or civil penalties is appropriate.</p> <p>A motor vehicle fraud or misstatement warning cannot mention voiding or rescission of a policy as possible consequences of an omission, concealment, misstatement or misrepresentation. Insurers should review Bulletin INS 2010-3 and the Insurance Code to determine whether their statements comply.</p> <p>The liability of an insurer with respect to the motor vehicle liability insurance policy required by ORS 806.060, 806.240 or 806.270 shall become absolute whenever injury or damage covered by the policy occurs. The policy may not be canceled or annulled as to such liability by any agreement between the insurer and the insured after the occurrence of the injury or damage. A bound application is the equivalent to a policy.</p> <p><b>Warranties</b> - All statements and descriptions in the application made by or on behalf of the insured are representations and not warranties. Misrepresentations do not prevent coverage unless fraudulent or material to the acceptance of the risk.</p>	
		<b>FORMS</b>	
Legibility of forms	ORS 742.005(2)	<p>The forms are clear and understandable in the presentation of premiums, labels, description of contents, title, headings, backings, and other indication (including restrictions) in the provisions. The information is clear and understandable to the consumer and is not unintelligible, uncertain, ambiguous, abstruse, or likely to mislead.</p> <p><b>Every policy shall contain the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the name of the underwriting insurer.</li> <li>• the name and address of the named insured(s).</li> <li>• the coverage afforded by the policy.</li> <li>• the premium charged.</li> <li>• the policy period.</li> <li>• the limits of liability.</li> </ul>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Policy documentation	ORS 742.023 ORS 742.450(1)		

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Policy documentation, continued	ORS 742.458	<p>(1) The policy contains an "entire contract" provision.</p> <p>(2) The policy contains a statement that the satisfaction by the insured of a judgment for injury or damage is not a prerequisite to the insurer fulfilling its right or duty to make payment on account of such injury or damage.</p> <p>Definitions - the policy includes, either in general section or the applicable section of the policy, statutory or substantially equivalent definitions for the following:</p> <p>ORS 742.500 ORS 742.504(2), ORS 742.508, ORS 742.510, ORS 742.520, ORS 742.560 to ORS 742.562</p> <p>Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist - ORS 742.500 and ORS 742.504(2) Uninsured Motorist Property damage - ORS 742.508, ORS 742.510 Personal injury protection - 742.520(1) Cancellation and nonrenewal - ORS 742.560 to ORS 742.562</p> <p><b>Personal Vehicle Sharing Program:</b> If the company excludes a personal automobile from coverage when it is being used in a Personal Vehicle Sharing Program as authorized by HB 3149 (2011), the policy or endorsement language needs to mirror the bill. The bill prohibits insures from cancelling a policy or re-classifying vehicle use from a private passenger motor vehicle to a commercial use vehicle because of the vehicle's use in a Personal Vehicle Sharing Program.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Requirements Not Part of a Listed Category	HB 3149 (2011)	<p><b>Personal vehicle sharing</b> means the use of a private passenger motor vehicle by persons other than the vehicle's registered owner, in connection with a <b>personal vehicle sharing program</b>. <b>Personal vehicle sharing program</b> means a legal entity qualified to do business in this state engaged in the business of facilitating the sharing of private passenger motor vehicles for non-commercial use by individuals within this state.</p> <p><b>Coverage exclusions:</b> For bodily injury, property damage, medical payments, automobile personal injury protection, uninsured/underinsured motorist bodily injury, uninsured motorists property damage, comprehensive, and collision coverages arising out of a lease, maintenance or use, loading or unloading of a covered auto when the covered auto is used in a <b>personal vehicle sharing program</b>.</p> <p>The company may also exclude legal liability to defend or indemnify the insured, for any loss or injury that occurs during any time period while a covered auto is under the operation and/or control of any person or organization using the <b>insured's</b> vehicle in a <b>personal vehicle sharing program</b>.</p>	

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Requirements Not Part of a Listed Category	ORS 742.005 ORS 746.240	<b>Newly Acquired Vehicle</b> - The policy provides the insured at least 14 days to report a newly acquired vehicle for liability coverage, APIP, and UM/UIM coverage. The policy also provides at least 4 days to report a newly acquired vehicle for physical damage coverage. <b>Minimum requirements</b> - A motor vehicle liability insurance policy that meets the financial-responsibility requirements under ORS 806.060 ORS 806.070 and/or ORS 806.075, or future responsibility requirements under ORS 806.270 contains all of the following requirements: (1) The policy explicitly describes or references all motor vehicles covered by the policy. (2) The policy insures the named insured and all other persons insured under the terms of the policy against loss from liabilities imposed by law for damages arising out of the ownership, operation, use, or maintenance of motor vehicles by persons insured under the policy. (3) The policy includes coverage for all persons who, with the consent of the named insured, use the motor vehicles insured under the policy, except for any person specifically excluded from coverage under ORS 742.450. Named driver exclusions address liability coverage only. No exclusion or reduced limits apply to UM/UIM or APIP.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Policy documentation	ORS 806.080, ORS 806.270, ORS 806.075, ORS 742.450	<b>Delivery of a duplicate policy to lien holder</b> - When a vendor, mortgagee, or pledgee of any motor vehicle requires a duplicate policy, a duplicate copy of the policy shall be delivered that provides the name and address of the insurer, insurance classification of the vehicle, type of coverage, limits of liability, premium for the respective coverage, and duration of the policy, or memorandum thereof containing the same such information. If the policy does not provide coverage of legal liability for injury to persons or damage to the property of third parties, a statement of such fact shall be printed, written, or stamped conspicuously on the face of such duplicate policy or memorandum. <b>Physical damage only policies notice requirement</b> - The face page of a physical damage policy includes the required disclosure or a notice which is substantially the same.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Policy period	ORS 742.048	<b>Effective date and time</b> - Policy states that coverage commences at 12:01 a.m. and the date. It includes a statement that coverage applies only to accidents that occur on or after the effective date of the policy, during the policy period.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Titles & headings	ORS 742.005(2)	Each form filed is clearly titled. Headings for benefits include references to any limitations and restrictions in the provision.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

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Access to courts	ORS 742.061	<p><b>Attorney fees</b> - If a claim settlement is not made within six months and action is brought to court, should the plaintiff's recovery exceed the amount of payment made by the defendant, the court will set attorney fees to be paid as part of the costs of legal action and any appeal, unless the parties agree to binding arbitration.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Bankruptcy Cancellation & nonrenewal	ORS 742.031 ORS 742.562(1)	<p><b>Grounds for cancellation</b> - The policy provides that notice of cancellation is limited to one or more of the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Nonpayment of premium.</li> <li>(b) Fraud or material misrepresentation affecting the policy or in the presentation of a claim, or a violation of any of the terms or conditions of the policy.</li> <li>(c) The named insured or any customary operator of an automobile insured under the policy has had driving privileges suspended or revoked during the policy period or 180 days immediately preceding the effective renewal date. An insurer may not cancel a policy for suspension of driving privileges if based on a non-driving offense.</li> </ul> <p>[No policy is canceled or annulled after the occurrence of an injury or damage that takes place prior to the effective date of cancellation, and no statement made by or for the insured in violation of the policy is used to defeat or void the policy. ORS 742.456]</p> <p>For commercial auto which is included in a package with commercial general liability the general liability cancellation statute applies, a policy in effect for 60 or more days may be cancelled prior to policy expiration only for specific reasons listed in ORS 742.702. The effective date of cancellation for cause is no less than 10 working days after the insured receives notice.</p> <p>ORS 742.702</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.023(1)(e) & (f) ORS 742.564(1)	<p>The policy clearly defines the cancellation refund method.</p> <p><b>Notice</b> - Notice of cancellation is delivered by the insurer to the named insured at least 30 days prior to the effective date of cancellation and is accompanied by the reason for cancellation, unless cancellation is for nonpayment of premium, in which case at least 10 days' notice of cancellation is given accompanied by the reason.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.566(1) ORS 742.706 OAR 836-085-0025	<p><b>Renewal and nonrenewal</b> - The policy provides for renewal of the policy contingent upon payment of premium unless the insurer mails or delivers to the named insured, at the address shown in the policy, at least 30* days advance notice and the reason for nonrenewal. *For commercial auto, when the coverage for auto is part of a package that includes general liability the general liability law applies. If renewal is on terms less favorable or at higher rates, the new terms or rates may take effect on the renewal date, if the insurer provides the insured, and the agent if any, 45 days written notice.</p>	

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Cancellation & nonrenewal	ORS 742.566	<b>Termination</b> - The policy provides for automatic termination on the effective date of any replacement or succeeding automobile insurance policy, with respect to any automobile designated in both policies.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.568 ORS 742.708 OAR 836-085-0050	Documentation of mailing the notice of cancellation or nonrenewal to the named insured at the address shown in the policy serves as record of proof of notice.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Fees, service charges, taxes	ORS 731.808 OAR 836-071-0269	All charges to the policyholder are listed on the declarations page. Field add-ons are not permitted.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Excess coverage	OAR 742.464	The policy contains lawful coverage exceeding or in addition to required coverage, and such coverage is clearly disclosed as not subject to the provisions of ORS 742.031 and 742.450 - 464. The coverage that provides minimum limits meets the requirements of those sections.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	OAR 836-058-0020	<b>Named Person Excluded from Excess Limits</b> – An insurer who excludes one or more persons as provided by law from any coverage in excess of the coverage required by ORS 742.450(2) (a) to be provided in a motor vehicle liability insurance policy issued for delivery in this state, must state in the policy or endorsement the policy limits applicable to that person. See exception in ORS 742.450 (8)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Exclusions	ORS 742.450(2)(a),(6) & (7)(a)(b) OAR 836-058-0010	<b>Named Driver Exclusions</b> All exclusions and limitations are defined, and definitions include financial responsibility requirements as described in ORS 806.070, 806.075 and 806.080 or the coverage described in ORS 801.270. Specific Exclusions are allowed only as stated in ORS 742.450(6)&(7)(a & b) and in OAR 836-058-0010 Exclusions apply to liability coverage as described in ORS 806.070/075 & ORS 806.080 only. No exclusion or step down limits apply to UM/UIM or APIP.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.450 ORS 742.502 ORS 742.520 OAR 836-058-0010	The policy may exclude by name any person other than a named insured for any of the following reasons when an endorsement has been signed by each named insured that the policy will not provide coverage (exclusion does not apply to uninsured motorist, underinsured motorist and auto personal injury protection coverages): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A person may be excluded because of the driving record of the person.</li><li>• A person may be excluded because the excluded person's risk category would cause premiums to create a financial hardship to the named insured.</li><li>• A person may be excluded due to a suspended license as outlined in ORS 809.409</li><li>• A person may be excluded due to a medical suspension under ORS 809.419(3).</li></ul>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

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Fraud	ORS 742.013	A motor vehicle fraud or misstatement clause cannot mention voiding or rescission of a policy as possible consequences of an omission, concealment, misstatement or misrepresentation. Insurers should review Bulletin INS 2010-3 and the Insurance Code to determine whether their statements comply.	
Limits	ORS 742.450(2), (3) & (4) and ORS 806.070 See cases: <i>Wright and Strickland vs. State Farm Mutual Auto Ins. Co.</i> , 332 Or. 20, 22 P.3d 739 (2001); and <i>North Pacific Ins. Co. vs. Hamilton</i> , 332 Or.1, 22 P.3d 744 (2001) ORS 742.450(5)	The liability of an insurer with respect to the motor vehicle liability insurance policy required by ORS 806.060, 806.240 or 806.270 shall become absolute whenever injury or damage covered by the policy occurs. The policy may not be canceled or annulled as to such liability by any agreement between the insurer and the insured after the occurrence of the injury or damage.  Every motor vehicle liability policy delivered in this state contains an agreement or endorsement stating that, as respects bodily injury and death or property damage, the insurance provides either the coverage described in ORS 806.070 or 806.075 as outlined in 806.080.  Minimum limits - The policy provides at least the minimum amount required to qualify for financial responsibility under ORS 806.070 or ORS 806.075.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Loss settlement	ORS 746.280 ORS 742.053	The policy includes an agreement that states, the insurance provided is subject to all provisions of the Oregon Vehicle Code related to financial responsibility requirements, including those in ORS 801.280, or for future responsibility in ORS 801.290.  The policy provides liability coverage up to the limits of coverage when the named insured operates a temporary replacement motor vehicle while the named insured's vehicle is being repaired or serviced, whether or not the insured pays for the use of such a vehicle.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Participating plans	OAR 836-080-0120(2)	Every motor vehicle liability insurance policy issued for delivery in this state shall contain a provision that provides liability coverage for each family member of the insured residing in the same household as the insured in an amount equal to the amount of liability coverage purchased by the insured.  <u>Designation of repair shop prohibited - Coverage is not dependent on a particular person or shop making the repairs.</u> <u>Proof of Loss Forms - Policy states that proof of loss forms are available from an insurer upon request by an insured.</u>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

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Premium payment refund, retention	ORS 742.023(1)(f)	<b>Refunds</b> - The policy states the method and formula used for refunding premium for early cancellation.	Yes N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rebates	ORS 746.035 ORS 746.045	Inducements or rebates are specified in the policy. If the answer is "yes", details must be included in the rates and rules filing.	Yes N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Motor vehicle liability</b>			
Risk classification	ORS 742.449	A higher risk category is not assigned solely due to absence of coverage, lapse in coverage, or suspension for a non-driving offense pursuant to ORS 809.280(7)(9), as long as the applicant did not violate ORS 806.010.	Yes N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Binders	ORS 742.458(3)	Any binder issued pending the issuance of a motor vehicle liability insurance policy fulfills the requirements of the policy.	Yes N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Exclusions	ORS 742.454	<p>Exclusions may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Liability under any workers' compensation law.</li> <li>(2) Liability on account of bodily injury to, or death of, an employee of the insured while engaged in the employment, other than domestic, of the insured, or while engaged in the operation, maintenance, or repair of a vehicle.</li> <li>(3) Liability for damage to property owned by, rented to, in charge of, or transported by the insured.</li> </ul>	Yes N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Loss settlement	ORS 742.460	The motor vehicle liability policy may require the insured to reimburse the insurer for any payment made by the insurer that the insurer would not have been obligated to make under the terms of the policy and provides for the prorating with other valid and collectible insurance.	Yes N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.462	The insurer has the right to settle any claim covered by the policy, and the amount is deductible from the limits of liability.	Yes N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.456	The liability of an insurer shall be absolute whenever injury or damage covered by the policy occurs.	Yes N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Personal injury protection (PIP)</b>			
Arbitration	ORS 742.520(6), ORS 742.521, ORS 742.522	Disputes between insurers and beneficiaries about the amount of personal injury protection benefits or about the denial of personal injury benefits, shall be decided by arbitration if mutually agreed to at the time of the dispute. The arbitration shall take place under the arbitration laws of the state of Oregon or, if the parties agree, according to any other procedure. "Costs" to the insured of the arbitration proceeding do not exceed \$100. Costs as used in this provision does not include attorney fees or expenses incurred in the production of evidence or witnesses or the making of transcripts of the proceedings.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

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Exclusions	ORS 742.530(1)	The insurer may exclude from coverage for personal injury protection benefits any injured person meeting the following criteria: (a) Intentionally caused self-injury. (b) Participated in any prearranged or organized racing or speed contest or practice or preparation for any such contest. (c) Willfully conceals or misrepresents any material fact in connection with a claim for PIP	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.530(2)	<b>Pedestrians</b> - The insurer may exclude from coverage benefits required by ORS 742.524 (1)(b) and (c) any person injured as a pedestrian in an accident outside this state, other than the insured person or a member of that person's family residing in the insured's household.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Expenses	ORS 742.520(3)	Personal injury protection benefits consist of payments for expenses, loss of income, and loss of essential services as stated in ORS 742.524.	
Loss settlement	ORS 742.520(2)	<u>Injury or death</u> - Benefits apply to a person's injury or death resulting: (a) In the case of the person insured under the policy and members of that person's family residing in the same household, from the use, occupancy or maintenance of any motor vehicle, except the following vehicles: (A) A motor vehicle, including a motorcycle or moped, that is owned or furnished or available for regular use by any of such persons and that is not described in the policy; (B) A motorcycle or moped not owned by any of such persons (this exclusion applies only when the injury or death results from such person's operating or riding upon the motorcycle or moped); and (C) A motor vehicle not a private passenger motor vehicle. (This exclusion applies only when the injury or death results from such person's operating or occupying the motor vehicle). (b) In the case of a passenger occupying or a pedestrian struck by the insured motor vehicle, from the use, occupancy or maintenance of the vehicle.	
	ORS 742.524(1)	Personal injury protection shall provide the minimum benefits, as prescribed by ORS 742.524(1), for the following: (a) Medical, dental, surgical, ambulance, prosthetic services incurred within 1 year of injury. (b) Loss of income for disability if injured party is usually engaged in remunerative occupation. (c) Incurred cost for essential services during disability if injured party is not employed. (d) Funeral expenses. (e) Child care.	

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Loss settlement, continued	ORS 742.542	Payment by a motor vehicle liability insurer of personal injury protection benefits for its own insured is applied to reducing the amount of damages the insured may be entitled to recover from the insurer under uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage for the same accident, but is not applied in reduction of the uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage policy limits.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.524(2)	<b>Allowable deductible</b> - With respect to the insured person and members of that person's family residing in the same household, the benefits for personal injury protection may include a deductible not to exceed \$250.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.526(2)	<b>Benefit reduction</b> - The personal injury protection benefits may be reduced or eliminated by policy provision when the injured person is entitled to receive workers' compensation benefits or any other, similar medical or disability benefits.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.528	<b>Notice of denial of benefits</b> - For any denial of payment for personal injury protection benefits to or on behalf of an insured a written notice of the denial is required within 60 days of receipt of the claim from the provider stating the reason for the denial and method for contesting the denial with a copy provided to the provider of services under ORS 742.524 (1)(a).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.536(1)	<b>Required notice</b> - If the injured person makes claim or institutes legal action for damages for injuries against any person, the insured must give notice of the claim or action to the insurer.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Primary coverage	ORS 742.520(1)	<b>Persons insured</b> - The motor vehicle liability policy provides personal injury protection benefits to the following: (a) The person insured. (b) Members of that person's family and domestic partners residing in the same household. (c) Children not related to the insured by blood, marriage, or adoption who are residing in the same household as the insured and being reared as the insured's or a domestic partner's own. (d) Passengers occupying the insured motor vehicle. (e) Pedestrians struck by the insured motor vehicle.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

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Primary coverage continued	ORS 742.526(1)	<p><b>Primary nature of benefits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The insured and members of the family of the insured residing in the same household, injured while occupying the insured motor vehicle are primary.</li> <li>(b) Passengers injured while occupying the insured motor vehicle are primary.</li> <li>(c) The insured and members of family residing in the same household, injured as pedestrians, are primary.</li> <li>(d) The insured and members of family residing in the same household, injured while occupying a motor vehicle not insured under the policy, are excess.</li> <li>(e) Pedestrians injured by the insured motor vehicle, other than the insured and members of family residing in the same household, are excess over any other collateral benefits to which the injured person is entitled, including, but not limited to, insurance benefits, governmental benefits, or gratuitous benefits.</li> </ul>	Yes N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Subrogation	ORS 742.538 OAR 836-080-0240(10)	<p><b>Rights of insurer</b> - The policy describes subrogation rights of the insurer, if personal injury protection benefits are furnished, and the extent to which insurer is entitled to the proceeds of any settlement for benefits furnished by the insurer less the insurer's share of expenses, costs, and attorney fees incurred by the injured person in connection with the recovery.</p> <p><b>Recovery calculation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The provision calculates respective shares of expenses, costs, and attorney fees under this section; the basis of allocation shall be the respective proportions borne to the total recovery by such benefits furnished by the insurer, and the total recovery less insurer benefits.</li> <li>(2) If the first-party claimant requests, the claimant's deductible is included in the insurer's demands under its subrogation rights. No deduction for expenses can be taken from the deductible recovery unless an outside attorney is retained.</li> </ol>	Yes N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Requirements Not Part of a Listed Category	ORS 744.850 thru ORS 744.992 ORS 742.502, ORS 742.524 ORS 806.070 Division position [1992]	<p><b>APIP on Rental or Leased Vehicles</b> - Insurance written on leased and rental vehicles must provide bodily injury, property damage, uninsured motorists, underinsured motorists, and automobile personal injury protection coverage that is no less than the Oregon Financial Responsibility limits stated in ORS 806.070 for BI and PD, ORS 742.502 for UM/UIM, and ORS 742.524 for APIP.</p>	Yes N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Appraisal	ORS 742.005 ORS 742.466 <i>Molodyh v. Truck Insurance Exchange</i>	<b>Appraisal to Determine Value of Motor Vehicles</b> – Appraisal should contain one of the following: (1) mutual agreement of the parties at the time of the dispute, with the resulting decision binding on the parties; or (2) the process is mandatory but the resulting decision is not binding. The insurer shall reimburse the insured for the reasonable appraisal costs if the final appraisal decision under the policy provision is greater than the amount of the insurer's last offer prior to the occurrence of the appraisal costs. The policy provides that, in the event of a dispute, the insured is authorized to obtain an independent appraisal of the physical damage from a disinterested party. In a total loss situation, the appraisal must be performed by a certified appraiser.	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Loss valuation	Oregon case law <i>Rossier vs Union Automobile Ins. Co.</i> 134 Or.211, 291 P.498(1930), <i>Dunnire Motor Co vs Oregon Mutual Fire Ins</i> 166 Or. 690, 114 P. 2d 1005(1941)	<b>Diminution of value</b> if the policy does not provide coverage for loss of market value or "diminution of value," the term describing the limitation is specifically defined in the policy.  The policy provides a separate exclusion stating there is no coverage for diminished value.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Uninsured and underinsured motorist</b>			
Policy documentation	ORS 742.502 ORS 742.504	Only a motor vehicle policy may be used to meet financial responsibility limits. A bond is not considered to be motor vehicle liability insurance.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Policy documentation	ORS 742.504(4)(e)	The insured shall promptly provide any information reasonably requested by the insurer that is in the custody and control of the insured, when requesting the insurer to consent to a settlement.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Arbitration	ORS 742.504(10)	This policy provides for arbitration if claim settlement cannot be reached. The parties may elect arbitration by mutual agreement at the time of the dispute. The arbitration shall take place under the arbitration laws of the state of Oregon or, if the parties agree, according to any other procedure. Costs to the insured of the arbitration proceeding do not exceed \$100. Costs as used in this provision does not include attorney fees or expenses incurred in the production of evidence or witnesses or the making of transcripts of the proceedings.	
		The person and the insurer each agree to consider themselves bound and to be bound by any award made by the arbitrators.	

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Action against insurer	ORS 742.504(6) ORS 742.504(8)	<p>Any legal action instituted by the insured is required to be forwarded immediately to the insurer by the insured or legal representative of the insured.</p> <p>No action is against the insurer unless, as a condition precedent, the insured or the legal representative of the insured has fully complied with all the terms of the policy.</p>	Yes N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Excess coverage	ORS 742.504(9)(a) & (9)(b)	<p><b>Vehicle not owned by insured</b> - Bodily injury coverage to an insured while occupying a vehicle not owned by a named insured, applies only as excess insurance over any other insurance available to such occupant that is similar to this coverage, and the amount is applied only to the applicable limit of liability of this coverage that exceeds the sum of the applicable limits of liability of all other insurance.</p> <p>If an insured is an insured under other primary or excess insurance available to the insured that is similar to this coverage, then the insured's damages are deemed not to exceed the higher of the applicable limits of liability of this insurance or the additional primary or excess insurance available to the insured, and the insurer is not liable under this coverage for a greater proportion of the insured's damages than the applicable limit of liability of this coverage bears to the sum of the applicable limits of liability of this insurance and other primary or excess insurance available to the insured.</p>	Yes N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.504(9)(c)	<p><b>Public vehicle</b> - With respect to bodily injury to an insured while occupying any motor vehicle used as a public or delivery conveyance, the insurance under this coverage applies only as excess insurance over any other, similar coverage, and this insurance is then applied only in the amount by which the applicable limit of liability of this coverage exceeds the sum of the applicable limits of liability of all such other insurance.</p>	Yes N/A <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Exclusions	ORS 742.504(2)(e)	<p>The policy excludes from the "uninsured vehicle" category the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) An insured vehicle.</li> <li>(B) Except as provided in paragraph (i) (E) a vehicle owned or operated by a self-insurer, within the meaning of any motor-vehicle-financial-responsibility law, motor-carrier law or any similar law. Paragraph (j) (E) States that a vehicle owned or operated by a self insurer is an uninsured vehicle if (i) it is not in compliance with ORS 806.130 or (ii) that provides recovery to an insured in an amount that is less than the limits for uninsured motorist coverage of the insured.</li> <li>(C) A vehicle owned by the United States of America, Canada, a state* a political subdivision of any such government*, or an agency of any such organization*</li> </ul> <p>*NOTE: HB2908 (2007) requires an insurer to apply its' uninsured coverage benefits to vehicles owned by Oregon public bodies if the insured carries higher limits than the Oregon Tort Claims Act for public bodies (outlined in ORS 30.270 requires. A vehicle owned by an Oregon public body is thus treated like an uninsured/underinsured vehicle even though the vehicle is not included in the definition of uninsured vehicle in ORS 742.504.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(D) A land motor vehicle or trailer operated on rails or crawler treads or while used as a residence or premises and not as a vehicle.</li> <li>(E) A farm-type tractor or equipment designed for use principally off public roads, except while actually upon public roads.</li> <li>(F) A vehicle owned by or furnished for the regular or frequent use of the insured or any member of the household of the insured.</li> </ul>	<p>Yes N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
	ORS 742.504(4)(a)	<p>The coverage does not apply to bodily injury of an insured when the insured or the legal representative, without the written consent of the insurer, makes a settlement with or prosecutes to judgment any action against any person or organization who may be legally liable.</p>	
	ORS 742.504(4)(b)	<p>The coverage does not apply to bodily injury to an insured while occupying a vehicle (other than an insured vehicle) owned by, or furnished for the regular use of, the named insured or any relative resident in the same household, or through being struck by such a vehicle.</p>	
	ORS 742.504(4)(c)	<p>The coverage does not apply to the benefit of any workers' compensation carrier, any person or organization qualifying as a self-insurer under any workers' compensation or disability benefits law, or any similar law, or the State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation.</p>	

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Limits	ORS 742.502(2)(a) OAR 836-054-0000  ORS 742.504(1)(a) & (1)(b)	<p>The uninsured-motorist coverage contains the same limits as for bodily injury liability coverage unless a named insured elects lower limits in writing. Lower limits are not lower than amounts prescribed to meet requirements of ORS 806.070 for bodily injury or death.</p> <p><b>Minimum limits</b> - The policy provides for the payment of all sums legally entitled to be recover for bodily injury sustained by the insured and caused by accident by an uninsured vehicle. Disagreement about damages may be settled in arbitration as provided under the policy.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p>
		<p>The policy provides that no judgment against any person or organization alleged to be legally responsible for bodily injury, except for proceedings instituted against the insurer as provided in the policy, is conclusive, as between the insured and the insurer, on the issues of liability of such person or organization or of the amount of damages to which the insured is legally entitled.</p>	
	ORS 742.502(3)	<p><b>Larger limits</b> - If uninsured motorist coverage larger than the amounts required by ORS 806.070 is offered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="773 382 964 1431">Underinsurance coverage shall be included for damages or death caused by accident and arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle with liability insurance that provides recovery in an amount that is less than the insured's uninsured motorist coverage.</li> <li data-bbox="964 382 1090 1431">Underinsurance benefits shall be equal to uninsured-motorist-coverage benefits less the amount recovered from other automobile liability insurance policies.</li> </ol>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p>
	ORS 742.504(4)(d)	<p>The coverage does not apply with respect to underinsured motorist benefits unless:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="811 318 1090 1431">(A) The limits of liability under any bodily injury liability policies applicable at the time of the accident regarding the injured person have been exhausted by payment of judgments or settlements to the injured person or other injured persons.</li> <li data-bbox="1090 382 1215 1431">(B) The described limits have been offered in settlement, the insurer has refused consent to settlement, and the insured protects the insurer's right of subrogation to the claim against the tortfeasor.</li> <li data-bbox="1215 318 1341 1431">(C) The insured gives credit to the insurer for the unrealized portion of the described liability limits as if the full limits had been received if less than the described limits have been offered in settlement, and the insurer has consented to settlement.</li> <li data-bbox="1341 318 1512 1431">(D) The insured gives credit to the insurer for the unrealized portion of the described liability limits as if the full limits had been received if less than the described limits have been offered in settlement and, if the insurer has refused consent to settlement, the insured protects the insurer's right of subrogation to the claim against the tortfeasor.</li> </ol>	

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Limits, continued	ORS 742.504(7)(a)	<p><b>Limits per accident</b> - The limit on liability stated in the declarations for "each person" is the limit of the insurer's liability for all damages because of bodily injury for that person per accident, and the limit stated for "each accident" is the total limit of the insurer's liability for all damages because of bodily injury sustained by two or more persons as the result of any one accident.</p> <p><b>Liability limits</b> - Any payment made under this coverage to or for an insured reduces the amount the insured may be entitled to recover from any person who is insured under the bodily injury liability coverage of this policy.</p>	
	ORS 742.504(7)(b)	<p>Any damage amount payable under the terms of this coverage because of bodily injury sustained in an accident by a person who is an insured under this coverage is reduced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) All sums paid on account of such bodily injury by or on behalf of the owner or operator or any other person or organization jointly or severally liable, together with such owner or operator, for such bodily injury, including all sums paid under the bodily injury liability coverage of the policy; and</li> <li>(B) The amount paid and the present value of all amounts payable on account of such bodily injury under any workers' compensation law, disability benefits law or any similar law</li> </ul>	
	ORS 742.504(7)(d)	<p>Any amount payable under the terms of this coverage because of bodily injury sustained in an accident by a person who is an insured under this coverage is reduced by the credit given to the insurer, pursuant to ORS 742.504(4)(d)(C) or (D).</p>	
	ORS 742.504(7)(e)	<p>The amount payable is not reduced by the amount of liability proceeds offered, as described in ORS 742.504(4)(d)(B) or (D) and has not been paid to the injured person. If liability proceeds have been offered and not paid, the amount payable is included in the amount of liability limits offered but not accepted due to the insurer's refusal to consent. The insured shall cooperate so as to permit the insurer to proceed by subrogation or assignment to prosecute the claim against the uninsured motorist.</p>	
Loss settlement	ORS 742.504(5)	<p>The policy describes the following claims procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) As soon as practicable, the insured or other person making claim must give the insurer written proof of claim and submit to examinations under oath as may reasonably be required. Proof of claim is made on forms furnished by the insurer unless the insurer fails to furnish forms within 15 days after receiving notice of claim.</li> <li>(b) Upon reasonable request of and at the expense of the insurer, the injured person must submit to physical examinations by physicians selected by the insurer and give authorization to the insurer to obtain medical reports and copies of records.</li> </ul>	<p>Yes N/A  <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Review requirement	Reference	Description of review standards requirements	Check answer
Loss settlement, continued	ORS 742.504(2)(f) & (g)	When a "hit-and-run" or "phantom" vehicle is involved, the accident must be reported within 72 hours to a police or equivalent department as listed in the statute and within 30 days to the insurer.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.504(9)(b)	With respect to bodily injury to an insured while occupying or through being struck by an uninsured vehicle, if the insured has other, similar coverage, then the damages are deemed not to exceed the higher of the applicable limits of liability of this insurance or such other insurance, and the insurer is not liable under this coverage for a greater proportion of the damages than the pro-rata portion of this coverage.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.502(7)	<p><b>Recovery proceeds</b> - The policy defines the "amount recovered from other automobile liability insurance policies" to mean the proceeds of liability insurance recovered by or on behalf of the injured party. Proceeds include reimbursement to injured party's insurer, medical providers, and attorney fees; but, it does not include any proceeds of that liability policy received by other injured persons.</p> <p>(7) As used in this section and except as otherwise provided in this subsection, "amount recovered from other motor vehicle liability insurance policies" means the proceeds of liability insurance or the proceeds received from a public body under ORS 30.260 to 30.300 recovered by or on behalf of the injured party. Proceeds recovered on behalf of the injured party include proceeds received by the injured party's insurer as reimbursement for personal injury protection benefits provided to the injured person, proceeds received by the medical providers of the injured person and proceeds received as attorney fees on the claim of the injured person. Where applicable liability insurance policy limits are exhausted upon payment, settlement or judgment by division among two or more injured persons, "amount recovered from other motor vehicle liability insurance policies" means the proceeds that are recovered by or on behalf of the injured person but does not include any proceeds of that liability policy received by other injured persons.</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

Review requirement	Reference	Description of review Standards requirements	Check answer or enter page & paragraph
Primary Coverage	ORS 742.502(2)(a)	<p>Uninsured motorist coverage in amounts larger than those required by ORS 806.070 includes underinsurance coverage for damages or accidental death equal to uninsured motorist coverage benefits, less the amount recovered from other automobile liability policies, and when the coverage amount is less than the insured's uninsured motorist coverage.</p> <p>(2)(a) A motor vehicle bodily injury liability policy shall have the same limits for uninsured motorist coverage as for bodily injury liability coverage unless a named insured in writing elects lower limits. The insured may not elect limits lower than the amounts prescribed to meet the requirements of ORS 806.070 for bodily injury or death. Uninsured motorist coverage shall include underinsurance coverage for bodily injury or death caused by accident and arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle with motor vehicle liability insurance that provides recovery in an amount that is less than the insured's uninsured motorist coverage. Underinsurance coverage shall be equal to uninsured motorist coverage less the amount recovered from other motor vehicle liability insurance policies.</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	ORS 742.506	<p>The policy contains a provision that expressly allocates responsibility between insurers, or self-insurers, without repugnancy.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Policy Territory	ORS 742.504	<p>Uninsured Motorist policy territory is within the United States of America, its Territories or possessions or Canada.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Uninsured/uninsured motorist	ORS 742.510	<p><b>UM/UIM Property damage</b></p> <p>(1) Every insurer issuing motor vehicle liability insurance policies for delivery in this state on private passenger motor vehicles as defined in 742.508(3) or a self propelled motor home shall offer coverage for property damage to a vehicle of the insured caused by an uninsured vehicle. Coverage offered under this section shall be at least the amount prescribed to meet the requirements of ORS 806.070 for insurance for injury to or destruction of the property of others in any one accident.</p> <p>(2) A policy does not cover the first \$300 of property damage to the covered motor vehicle as the result of an accident with a hit-and-run vehicle or phantom vehicle. In all other cases, the first \$200 damage is not covered.</p> <p>(3) Coverage for property damage applies only to the amount of damages the insured may be legally entitled to recover and does not include coverage for loss of use of the covered vehicle.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Review requirement	Reference	Description of review standards requirements	Form #
Uninsured/ Underinsured Motorist	ORS 742.504 OAR 836-054-0000	<p><b>Selection Form – Election of Lower Limits for Uninsured Motorist Coverage</b></p> <p>(1) This rule is adopted under the authority of ORS 731.244 for the purpose of implementing ORS 742.502.</p> <p>(2) This rule establishes in Exhibit 1 an example of the form of statement electing lower limits for uninsured motorist coverage in a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that may be used to comply with the requirement in ORS 742.502 for a statement of election. A form used by an insurer or insurance producer that is in substantial compliance with this rule is considered to be approved by the Department. A form is in substantial compliance if the form contains all of the following elements in any order:</p> <p>(a) An acknowledgement by the named insured that the named insured was offered uninsured motorist coverage with the limits equal to those for bodily injury liability;</p> <p>(b) A brief summary, which is not part of the insurance contract, of uninsured and underinsured motorist coverages;</p> <p>(c) A statement of the price for coverage per insured vehicle with limits equal to the named insured's bodily injury liability limits and the price for coverage per insured vehicle with the lower limits requested by the named insured;</p> <p>(d) A statement to the effect that the statement shall remain in force until rescinded in writing by a named insured or until such time as motor vehicle bodily injury liability limits are changed; and</p> <p>(e) Provision for signature of a named insured, to be made within 60 days of the time the named insured makes the election, and for the date of signature.</p> <p>(3) Regarding the summary required in subsection (2)(b) of this rule, if an insurer issuing a policy that refers only to uninsured motorist coverage because uninsured motorist coverage under the policy includes underinsured motorist coverage meeting statutory requirements, the insurer need not use the term "underinsured motorist coverage."</p> <p>(4) The statement required under subsection (2)(c) of this rule may state the term of coverage to which the prices relate.</p> <p>(5) The form may include one or both of the following statements in addition to the items required under section (2) of this rule:</p> <p>(a) A statement to the effect that the form is required by Oregon law or specifically by ORS 742.502; and</p> <p>(b) A statement to the effect that limits for uninsured motorist coverage cannot be less than the amounts required to comply with financial responsibility requirements under ORS 806.070.</p>	

**746.230 Unfair claim settlement practices.** (1) No insurer or other person shall commit or perform any of the following unfair claim settlement practices:

- (a) Misrepresenting facts or policy provisions in settling claims;
- (b) Failing to acknowledge and act promptly upon communications relating to claims;
- (c) Failing to adopt and implement reasonable standards for the prompt investigation of claims;
- (d) Refusing to pay claims without conducting a reasonable investigation based on all available information;
- (e) Failing to affirm or deny coverage of claims within a reasonable time after completed proof of loss statements have been submitted;
- (f) Not attempting, in good faith, to promptly and equitably settle claims in which liability has become reasonably clear;
- (g) Compelling claimants to initiate litigation to recover amounts due by offering substantially less than amounts ultimately recovered in actions brought by such claimants;
- (h) Attempting to settle claims for less than the amount to which a reasonable person would believe a reasonable person was entitled after referring to written or printed advertising material accompanying or made part of an application;
- (i) Attempting to settle claims on the basis of an application altered without notice to or consent of the applicant;
- (j) Failing, after payment of a claim, to inform insureds or beneficiaries, upon request by them, of the coverage under which payment has been made;
- (k) Delaying investigation or payment of claims by requiring a claimant or the physician of the claimant to submit a preliminary claim report and then requiring subsequent submission of loss forms when both require essentially the same information;
- (L) Failing to promptly settle claims under one coverage of a policy where liability has become reasonably clear in order to influence settlements under other coverages of the policy; or

(m) Failing to promptly provide the proper explanation of the basis relied on in the insurance policy in relation to the facts or applicable law for the denial of a claim.

(2) No insurer shall refuse, without just cause, to pay or settle claims arising under coverages provided by its policies with such frequency as to indicate a general business practice in this state, which general business practice is evidenced by:

(a) A substantial increase in the number of complaints against the insurer received by the Department of Consumer and Business Services;

(b) A substantial increase in the number of lawsuits filed against the insurer or its insureds by claimants; or

(c) Other relevant evidence.

(3)(a) No health maintenance organization, as defined in ORS 750.005, shall unreasonably withhold the granting of participating provider status from a class of statutorily authorized health care providers for services rendered within the lawful scope of practice if the health care providers are licensed as such and reimbursement is for services mandated by statute.

(b) Any health maintenance organization that fails to comply with paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be subject to discipline under ORS 746.015.

(c) This subsection does not apply to group practice health maintenance organizations that are federally qualified pursuant to Title XIII of the Health Maintenance Organization Act. [1967 c.359 §588a; 1973 c.281 §1; 1989 c.594 §1]

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**Violation:** A multistate examination of company practices to ensure that life insurance, annuities and other products are timely paid to beneficiaries.

**Penalty:** \$4 million to participating states (about \$35,000 to Oregon) and initiated reforms to ensure thorough searches for beneficiaries.

**Date of Order:** 01/09/2014

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## **Lenovo (United States) Inc.**

Morrisville, North Carolina

**Violation:** Sold service contracts in Oregon as an obligor without being registered.

**Penalty:** \$70,000

**Date of Order:** 09/12/2014

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## **Midland National Life Insurance Company, et al**

**Violation:** A multistate examination of company practices to ensure that life insurance, annuities and other products are timely paid to beneficiaries.

**Penalty:** \$3.3 million to participating states (about \$14,200 to Oregon) and initiated reforms to ensure thorough searches for beneficiaries.

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## **Time Insurance Company**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Violation:** Failed to make a decision on internal appeals within 30 days.  
**Penalty:** \$40,000  
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Wilmington, Delaware

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Georgetown, Delaware

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### Red Rock Insurance Company

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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### QBE Insurance Corporation

New York, New York

**Violation:** Failed to timely increase special workers' compensation deposit

**Penalty:** \$700

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New York, New York

**Violation:** Filed Special Oregon Schedule P late

**Penalty:** \$100

**Date of Order:** 05/09/2014

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### American Safety Casualty Insurance Company

Atlanta, Georgia

**Violation:** Filed Special Oregon Schedule P late

**Penalty:** \$100

**Date of Order:** 05/09/2014

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### Centre Insurance Company

New York, New York

**Violation:** Filed Special Oregon Schedule P late

**Penalty:** \$100

**Date of Order:** 05/09/2014

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### Freestone Insurance Company

Dallas, Texas

**Violation:** Filed Special Oregon Schedule P late

**Penalty:** \$200

**Date of Order:** 05/09/2014

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### GuideOne Elite Insurance Company

West Des Moines, Iowa

**Violation:** Filed Special Oregon Schedule P late

**Penalty:** \$100

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**GuideOne Mutual Insurance Company**

West Des Moines, Iowa

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**violation:** Filed Special Oregon Schedule P late**penalty:** \$100**date of order:** 05/09/2014Final**Hyundai Marine & Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.**

Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey

**violation:** Filed Special Oregon Schedule P late**penalty:** \$100**date of order:** 05/09/2014Final**Mountain Valley Indemnity Company**

New York, New York

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Salem, Oregon

**Violation:** Agent failed to report to the director a criminal prosecution, was convicted of fraud and theft in Arizona, and engaged in dishonest business practice; agency failed to report the violation of agent to the state or take correction action

**Penalty:** Expired Oregon resident individual insurance producer license revoked; expired Oregon resident business entity insurance producer license revoked

**Date of Order:** 12/05/2014

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### **Anderson, Joshua W**

North Bend, Oregon

**Violation:** Failed to report a criminal prosecution; convicted of a felony involving dishonesty or breach of trust;

**Penalty:** Oregon resident individual insurance producer license revoked

**Date of Order:** 05/08/2014

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### **AQA Insurance Inc.**

Portland, Oregon

**Violation:** Failed to pay civil penalty by due date.

**Penalty:** \$2,000

**Date of Order:** 04/24/2014

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### **Baker, James A**

Gresham, Oregon

**Violation:** Failed to respond to DCBS director's inquiry

**Penalty:** Resident individual insurance producer license revoked

**Date of Order:** 03/11/2014

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**Brown, Michael J**

Port Townsend, Washington

**Violation:** Failed to notify DCBS director that Washington revoked his resident individual insurance producer license; failed to respond to DCBS director inquiry.

**Penalty:** Oregon nonresident individual insurance producer license revoked

**Date of Order:** 05/07/2014

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**Bruhn, Lyman J**

Vancouver, Washington

**Violation:** Failed to report to the DCBS director administrative actions taken against him by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the Washington Department of Financial Institutions

**Penalty:** Expired nonresident individual insurance producer license revoked

**Date of Order:** 03/11/2014

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**Burrows, Philip E**

Eustis, Florida

**Violation:** Failed to respond to DCBS director's inquiry

**Penalty:** Expired nonresident individual insurance producer license revoked

**Date of Order:** 03/11/2014

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**Butler, James E**

Eugene, Oregon

**Violation:** Sought resident insurance producer license; previous license revoked 10/30/2012.

**Penalty:** Probationary license issued for two years

**Date of Order:** 04/03/2014

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**Collup, Michelle**

Encinitas, California

**Violation:** Failed to comply with director's order; failed to promptly and truthfully respond to a proper inquiry by the director.

**Penalty:** Oregon nonresident individual insurance producer license

revoked.

**Date of Order:** 09/12/2014

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**Curtis, Michelle K**

West Linn, Oregon

**Violation:** Submitted five applications for auto insurance in which she knowingly inflated the purchase price or value of the vehicles

**Penalty:** Oregon resident individual insurance producer license revoked

**Date of Order:** 12/05/2014

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**Garcia, Jesus Abel II**

Salem, Oregon

**Violation:** Convicted of theft charges in Marion County; failed to report the prosecution to the DCBS director; failed to respond to DCBS director's inquiry about a complaint

**Penalty:** Expired resident individual insurance producer license revoked

**Date of Order:** 03/11/2014

Final

**Jaskic, Indira and Jaskic Insurance LLC**

Portland, Oregon

**Violation:** Allowed employee to sell insurance without a license; took payment for insurance but did not purchase policy; issued false insurance cards; withheld insurance premium; used insurance premium to pay for personal and business expenses; failed to deposit insurance premium into a trust account; commingled non-premium with premium in a trust account; transacted insurance without a license; failed to respond to director's inquiry; failed to notify director of using an assumed business name and a change of business address; did not properly label trust account checks.

**Penalty:** Oregon resident individual producer license and Oregon resident business entity insurance producer license revoked.

**Date of Order:** 09/03/2014

Final

**Jones, Joseph H**

Gresham, Oregon

**Violation:** Collected insurance premiums but kept most of the money, rather than sending it to insurers; engaged in various dishonest practices such as received premium but failed to inform insurer; issued false insurance cards; intentionally recorded incorrect

telephone numbers of insureds; intentionally caused insurer to pay him a commission he was not entitled to; and failed to deposit premiums into a trust account.

**Penalty:** Resident individual insurance producer license revoked

**Date of Order:** 04/03/2014

Final

**Jones, Michelle J**

Tigard, Oregon

**Violation:** Producer subject to an order suspending Oregon insurance producer licenses pursuant to ORS 25.780(1)

**Penalty:** Oregon resident individual insurance producer license suspended from April 11, 2014, to May 6, 2014

**Date of Order:** 04/11/2014

Final

License reinstatement order

**Maxey, Nicole R**

Milwaukie, Oregon

**Violation:** Applied for and received unemployment benefits from Oregon Employment Department that she was not entitled to; failed to notify director that Oregon Employment Department took administrative action against her; failed to notify the director of a change of business address.

**Penalty:** Oregon resident individual producer license revoked

**Date of Order:** 08/07/2014

Final

**Orth, Tyler J**

Troutdale, Oregon

**Violation:** Failed to respond to director's inquiry

**Penalty:** Oregon resident individual insurance producer license revoked.

**Date of Order:** 09/24/2014

Final

**Peterson, Robert J**

Portland, Oregon

**Violation:** Failed to notify director of change in business address; failed to respond to director's inquiry.

**Penalty:** Expired Oregon resident individual insurance producer license revoked.

**Date of Order:** 11/10/2014

Final

**Pham, Eric P**

Salem, Oregon

**Violation:** Convicted of a felony in Benton County; provided incorrect information on insurance license application.

**Penalty:** Refused Oregon resident individual insurance producer license.

**Date of Order:** 11/10/2014

Final

**Pribil, John W**

Miami, Florida

**Violation:** Deliberately provided incorrect Social Security number on prospective broker application; had insurance producer license revoked or suspended in 17 other states; failed to notify the director of administrative actions in other states; failed to respond to director's inquiry.

**Penalty:** Oregon nonresident individual insurance producer license revoked.

**Date of Order:** 12/18/2014

Final

**Tran, Donny**

Tualatin, Oregon

**Violation:** Used a dishonest practice in business by signing or directing someone else to sign an insured's name on a form to change the insured's agent of record; failed to notify the DCBS director of a change of business address and telephone number; and failed to respond to the DCBS director's inquiry

**Penalty:** \$2,100

**Date of Order:** 03/11/2014

Final

**Vue, Pa H**

Boring, Oregon

**Violation:** Convicted in Multnomah County of aggravated theft, identity theft, and aggravated identity theft; failed to notify director of convictions

**Penalty:** Oregon resident individual insurance producer license revoked

**Date of Order:** 11/24/2014

Final

Proposed

**Warren, Michael A**

Portland, Oregon

**Violation:** Producer subject to an order suspending Oregon insurance producer licenses pursuant to ORS 25.780(1).

**Penalty:** Oregon resident individual insurance producer license suspended from Nov. 10, 2014, to March 4, 2015.

**Date of Order:** 11/10/2014

Final

License reinstatement order

**Wolf, Dale D**

Salem, Oregon

**Violation:** Applied insurance premium payments to the insurance to another person without the knowledge or consent of the person who made the payment; failed to notify director he had closed his insurance business; failed to respond to director's inquiry.

**Penalty:** Expired Oregon resident individual producer license revoked

**Date of Order:** 06/05/2014

Final

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**731.256 Enforcement generally; restitution.** (1) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services may institute actions or other lawful proceedings that the director deems necessary to enforce a provision of the Insurance Code or any order or action the director makes or takes in pursuance of law.

(2) As part of or in addition to any action or proceeding the director institutes against an insurer under subsection (1) of this section, the director may:

(a) Seek restitution on a consumer's behalf for actual damages the consumer suffers as a result of the insurer's violation of a provision of the Insurance Code or applicable federal law or the insurer's breach of an insurance contract or policy the insurer has with the consumer; and

(b) Seek other equitable relief the director deems appropriate under the circumstances.

(3) If the director has reason to believe that a person has violated a provision of the Insurance Code or another law that applies to insurance operations, and if the violation is subject to criminal prosecution and in the opinion of the director criminal prosecution is warranted, the director shall give the information about the violation to the Attorney General or district attorney that has jurisdiction over the violation. The Attorney General or district attorney promptly shall institute an action or a proceeding against the person as the information requires or justifies.

(4) An action or proceeding that the director institutes under subsection (1) of this section is an exercise of the director's regulatory authority and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, does not create a cause of action for any other person. [1967 c.359 §57; 2013 c.618 §1]



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## **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES, INSURANCE DIVISION**

### **DIVISION 7**

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

**836-007-0001**

##### **Actions by Director for Restitution or Other Equitable Relief**

(1) As used in this rule:

(a) "Actual damages" means reasonably foreseeable losses.

(b) "Consumer" means an insured under a policy that is the subject of the enforcement action.

(c) "Equitable relief" means injunctive relief, specific performance of a contract provision or specific performance of a provision of the Insurance Code or rules implementing the Insurance Code or applicable federal law.

(2) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services:

May seek restitution of actual damages or other equitable relief on a consumer's behalf only when the director takes an action against an insurer under ORS 731.256(1).

(b) Will not seek relief under subsection (a) of this section for any consumer who is entitled to a remedy under ORS Chapter 656; and

(c) May reduce actual damages upon a showing that the consumer has failed to reasonably mitigate damages.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 731.244

Stats. Implemented: ORS 731.256

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Sponsored by Senator SHIELDS (at the request of Loreta Boskovic) (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to administration of the Insurance Code; creating new provisions; amending ORS 731.256; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 731.256 is amended to read:

731.256. (1) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services may institute [such] actions or other lawful proceedings [as] that the director [may deem] deems necessary [for the enforcement of any] to enforce a provision of the Insurance Code or any order or action [made or taken by the director] the director makes or takes in pursuance of law.

(2) As part of or in addition to any action or proceeding the director institutes against an insurer under subsection (1) of this section, the director may:

(a) Seek restitution on a consumer's behalf for actual damages the consumer suffers as a result of the insurer's violation of a provision of the Insurance Code or applicable federal law or the insurer's breach of an insurance contract or policy the insurer has with the consumer; and

(b) Seek other equitable relief the director deems appropriate under the circumstances.

[2)] (3) If the director has reason to believe that [any] a person has violated [any] a provision of the Insurance Code or [other] another law [applicable] that applies to insurance operations, [for which] and if the violation is subject to criminal prosecution [is provided] and in the opinion of the director [would be in order] criminal prosecution is warranted, the director shall give the information [relative thereto] about the violation to the Attorney General or district attorney [having] that has jurisdiction [of any such] over the violation. The Attorney General or district attorney promptly shall institute [such] an action or [proceedings] a proceeding against [such] the person as the information requires or justifies.

(4) An action or proceeding that the director institutes under subsection (1) of this section is an exercise of the director's regulatory authority and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, does not create a cause of action for any other person.

**SECTION 2.** (1) The amendments to ORS 731.256 by section 1 of this 2013 Act become operative January 1, 2014.

(2) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the director to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the director by the amendments to ORS 731.256 by section 1 of this 2013 Act.

**SECTION 3.** This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.

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Passed by Senate June 19, 2013

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..... Robert Taylor, Secretary of Senate

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..... Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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..... Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

..... Kate Brown, Secretary of State

## **CAUSES OF ACTION AND REMEDIES AVAILABLE AGAINST INSURERS UNDER OREGON LAW**

This working paper discusses causes of action and remedies currently available under Oregon law to members of the public in actions against insurers.

### **SUMMARY**

Consumers and insurance policy holders in Oregon currently have a great number of remedies available to them to enforce contracts of insurance, redress wrongful insurer conduct, and punish insurers who are guilty of deliberate or intentional misconduct. This is an overview of remedies that are discussed in further detail in the body of this working paper:

1. Breach of contract for policy benefits;
2. Consequential damages for breach of contract;
3. Emotional distress damages for breaches of contract that directly cause physical injury;
4. Damages in excess of the stated policy limit for failing to adequately defend the insured;
5. Unrestricted damages for the tort of intentional infliction of emotional distress;
6. Unrestricted damages for the tort of intentional interference with contractual relations;
7. Unrestricted damages for the tort of fraudulent reductions or denials of benefits;

8. Punitive damages where the misconduct of the insurer has been deliberate, intentional, wanton and willful;
9. Assignability of claims against insurers;
10. Attorneys fees for actions on the policy;
11. Actions against the insurer to recover policy proceeds following entry of a judgment.

These remedies are discussed in more detail below.

## **1. BREACH OF CONTRACT**

### **a. First-Party Insurance**

Oregon has recognized that breach of contract claim exists against an insurer who fails to perform duties under a policy. In addition to recovery of the policy benefits, Oregon has recognized the general rule in contract actions that consequential damages which were foreseeable at the inception of the contract are recoverable as damages. Commentators have noted as one example the business owner who sustains lost profits after a wrongful denial of coverage. OSB Insurance CLE Sec. 10.31.

Emotional distress damages are generally not available for breach of an insurance contract. *Allstate Ins. Co. v. Breedan*, 410 Fed Appx 6, 10 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir 2010). Damages for emotional distress are recoverable in a breach of contract action when the breach actually causes physical harm and resulting distress, for example, when a health insurer wrongfully fails to authorize surgery for a medical condition resulting in physical harm. “Ordinarily, emotional distress caused by pecuniary loss resulting from a breach of contract is not recoverable. When, however, the emotional distress is caused by physical harm that results from the breach of contract, the case is different.” *McKenzie v. Pacific*

*Health & Life Ins. Co.*, 118 Or App 377, 381 (1993); *Restatement 2d Contracts* §353 (1979).

There is no entitlement to noneconomic damages from the insurer absent direct physical injury caused by the breach. *Farris v. U.S. Fid. And Guar. Co.*, 284 Or 453 (1979). Likewise, punitive damages are not available for a simple breach of contract. *Id.*

## **2. BREACH OF THE COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING AND THE TORT OF THIRD PARTY BAD FAITH**

The covenant of “good faith and fair dealing” is implied in every contract. The covenant governs the performance of every contract so that the objectively reasonable expectations of the parties may be fulfilled. Oregon courts have held that a party can breach the covenant of good faith and fair dealing without breaching an express term of the contract. *McKenzie, Supra*. If a “special relationship” exists between the contracting parties it will give rise to a duty independent of the terms of the agreement. A breach of the special relationship will expose the defendant to tort liability as opposed to simply contract damages. *Georgetown Realty v. The Home Ins. Co.*, 313 Or 97 (1992).

To allege a tort claim against an insurer, the insured must prove: (1) “that the defendant’s conduct violated some standard of care that is not part of the defendant’s explicit or implied contractual obligations” and (2) “that the independent standard of care stems from a particular special relationship between the parties.” *Strader v. Grange Mut. Ins. Co.*, 179 Or App 329 (2002).

A “special relationship” has been held to exist in the insured’s execution in its duty to defend. When a liability insurer undertakes to defend its insured, the insured relinquishes control of the litigation to the insurer, and generally loses the right to negotiate a settlement. In addition, when the settlement value of the case approaches

policy limits, the insurer may be tempted to gamble, while the insured becomes more anxious to settle. Because of this potential conflict, and in light of the insurer's control of the action, the insurer has been held to a high standard of good faith and fair dealing. This relationship, gives rise to tort liability on the part of the insurer if it fails to use such care as would have been exercised by an ordinarily prudent insurer with no policy limit applicable to the claim. *Santilli v. State Farm*, 278 Or 53 (1977). An insurer may be liable for an excess verdict if it fails to negotiate reasonably or acts negligently in the defense of the insured. *Goddard v. Farmers Ins. Co.*, 173 Or App 633, 637 (2001). If the insurer's conduct is not only negligent, but rises to a level supporting punitive damages, then such damages are recoverable. *Georgetown Realty v. The Home Ins. Co.*, 313 Or 97 (1992).

### **3. INTENTIONAL INFILCTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

The claim of intentional infliction of emotional distress is available in the first party insurance context. Although a claim for intentional infliction will generally not arise when the situation involves no more than a legitimate disagreement about coverage, it can spring from a situation involving an insurer's overbearing conduct. *Green v. State Farm*, 667 F2d 22 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir 1982). In *Green*, the insured, who suffered a fire loss, claimed that the insurer, although having a reasonable basis to deny the claim, acted in an unreasonable and outrageous manner in the investigation and adjustment of the loss, including trying to have the insured indicted for arson when he pressed his claim. The trial court awarded compensatory and punitive damages, and the judgment was affirmed on appeal. *Green* demonstrates that the actions of the insurer might give rise to a tort

even when the insurer has a legitimate basis to deny the claim, however, the conduct must be an extreme departure from societal norms.

#### **4. INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE WITH ECONOMIC RELATIONS**

The claim of intentional interference with economic relations was recognized as potentially applicable to the denial of a first-party claim in *Employers' Fire Ins. V. Love It Ice Cream*, 64 Or App 784 (1983). In that case, the court held that the plaintiff had pleaded a sufficient claim for intentional interference based on allegations that the company had wrongfully denied its fire-loss claim and delayed payment, intending to prevent the insured from resuming its business, thus potentially decreasing the possible amounts owed under the policy.

#### **5. FRAUD**

It is generally accepted that an action for fraud will be available to an insured if benefits are denied or reduced due to the fraudulent conduct of an insurer. *Foltz v. State Farm*, 326 Or 294, 952 P2d 1012 (1998). In *Foltz*, the insured claimed that her benefits had been denied and reduced because of the alleged fraudulent use of an outside medical review service. On questions certified to the Oregon Supreme Court by the U.S. District Court, the Oregon court stated that such a cause of action would be available as long as an arbitration proceeding had determined that she was owed further benefits.

#### **6. ATTORNEYS FEES**

In a direct action against an insurer the insured can recover attorney fees. The recovery of attorney fees is mandatory. The court must award reasonable attorney fees if settlement is not made within six months of filing the proof of loss, an action is brought on the policy, and the plaintiff's recovery exceeds the amount of the tender made by the

defendant in that action. ORS 742.061; *Foles v. U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty*, 259 OR 337 (1971).

ORS 20.075, which lists the factors that courts must consider when an award of attorney fees is discretionary with the court, does not apply to fee awards under ORS 742.061 because awards under the latter statute are mandatory. *Peterson v. Farmers Ins. Co.*, 162 Or App 562 (1999).

In filed actions for Personal Injury Protection (PIP) benefits, a plaintiff who prevails is entitled to recovery of attorney fees. *Grisby v. Progressive Ins. Co.*, 343 Or 394 (2007).

## **7. ACTIONS ON JUDGMENTS AGAINST TORTFEASORS**

If a party injured by accident obtains a final judgment against an insured tortfeasor and if the judgment is not satisfied within 30 days after it is rendered or if the tortfeasor is bankrupt or insolvent, then the party may recover the amount of the judgment from the insurer, subject to the policy limits. ORS 742.031. The judgment debtor is also entitled to attorney fees under ORS 742.031. *N.W. Marine Iron v. Western Casualty*, 45 Or App 269, 271-272 (1980).

## **8. ASSIGNMENTS OF CAUSES OF ACTION AGAINST INSURERS**

A judgment creditor can obtain an assignment from the insured against whom a judgment in excess of the insured's policy limits has been recovered. The judgment creditor may then bring a law action for a failure to settle within the policy limits, and, if the judgment creditor prevails he is also entitled to attorney fees. *Groce v. Fidelity General Insurance*, 252 Or 296 (1969).

A policy provision prohibiting assignment does not preclude the assignment of a cause of action for failure to settle the claim in good faith. *Groce v. Fidelity General Insurance*, 252 Or 296, 306 (1969). ORS 17.100.