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House Business and Labor Committee

HB 3022

Mr. Chair and Committee Members:

The Professional Insurance Agents of Oregon/Idaho is submitting this testimony in response to HB 3022 submitted by the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association.

We want to caution the committee to look very closely at any proposal which seeks to basically rewrite the Workers' Compensation laws and rules.

Oregon's system is a model for the rest of the nation and serves as a light for others in that it has produced low premiums and high worker benefits. Our clients are satisfied with the way the Oregon workers' compensation system works, and we don't want to lose that.

The law is fair to everyone now. We think it would be a real step backward to benefit only one or a few players, especially those who are not the most central players (labor and management).

Thank you! I couldn't be with you this morning, but we did want to put our thoughts on the record.

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