

House Bill 2274

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SUMMARY

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

Shortens length of time until unpaid wages become abandoned to one year.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to unpaid wages unclaimed by owner; amending ORS 98.334 and 98.336; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 98.334 is amended to read:

6 98.334. (1) **As used in this section, "wages" means wages, commissions, bonuses or re-**
7 **imbursements to which an employee is entitled, or other compensation for personal services,**
8 **other than amounts held in a payroll card.**

9 (2) Unpaid wages, including wages represented by unrepresented payroll checks, owing in the or-
10 dinary course of the holder's business [*which*] **that** remain unclaimed by the owner for more than
11 [*three years*] **one year** after becoming payable are presumed abandoned.

12 **SECTION 2.** ORS 98.336 is amended to read:

13 98.336. (1) Intangible property, including uncashed warrants [*and wages represented by unpre-*
14 *sented payroll checks*], held for the owner by a court, state or other government, governmental sub-
15 division or agency, public corporation[,] or public authority[,] that [*has remained*] **remains**
16 unclaimed by the owner for more than two years is presumed abandoned.

17 (2) Tangible property held for the owner by a court, state or other government, governmental
18 subdivision or agency, law enforcement agency, public corporation or public authority that [*has re-*
19 *mained*] **remains** unclaimed by the owner for more than two years is presumed abandoned.

20 **SECTION 3.** **This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**
22 **on its passage.**

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