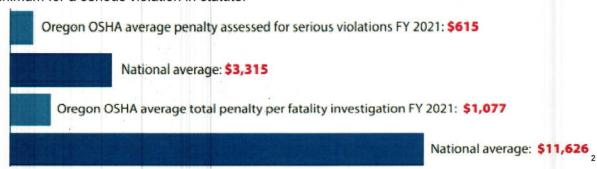
## We Support SB 592 Keen Keeping Oregon Workers Safe Act

## SB 592A responds to the fact that

- Federal law requires that state projections be at least as effective as Federal OSHA's1
- Oregon continues to rank 50th out of 50 states in lowest penalties assessed with only a \$50 minimum for a serious violation in statute:



Repeated violations and deaths in the same workplace are common place

## Advocates worked with employer and agency stakeholders to amend SB 592 to:

1. Align Oregon OSHA violation penalties to Federal OSHA penalties. Increases yearly with inflation

Researchers estimate that a 10% increase in average penalties reduces worker injuries by almost 1%. With those estimates applied to Oregon's 43,400 workplace injuries and illnesses in 2020, SB 592 would have resulted in well over 400 workers' lives saved or injuries and illnesses avoided.

2. Trigger a comprehensive, full workplace investigation in the event of three or more willful or repeat violations within a year or in the event of a work related fatality in connection to a violation

3. Require at least annual reporting to the legislature on inspections, penalties & appeals



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