

Senate Bill 668

Sponsored by Senator KNOPP; Senators ANDERSON, GIROD (Pre-session filed.)

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**.

Prohibits assessment of civil penalty or fine for violation of state occupational safety or health measure if no disease outbreak of COVID-19 occurred as result of violation.

Requires Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services to rescind civil penalties and fines assessed against employers for violations of COVID-19-related occupational safety or health measures if no disease outbreak of COVID-19 has occurred as result of violation. Requires director to refund rescinded civil penalties and fines.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to penalties under Oregon Safe Employment Act; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 654.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an employer may not be as-**
6 **essed a civil penalty or fine for a violation of a state occupational safety or health law,**
7 **regulation, standard, rule or order related to COVID-19 if no disease outbreak of COVID-19**
8 **was found to have occurred as a result of the violation.**

9 **(2) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services or an authorized**
10 **representative of the director shall rescind the assessment of any civil penalty or fine issued**
11 **against an employer for a violation of a state occupational safety or health law, regulation,**
12 **standard, rule or order related to COVID-19 if no disease outbreak of COVID-19 was found**
13 **to have occurred as a result of the violation. The director shall refund all amounts paid to**
14 **satisfy an assessment that is rescinded under this subsection.**

15 **(3) As used in this section, "disease outbreak" has the meaning given that term in ORS**
16 **431A.005.**

17 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**
18 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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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.