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Bill Title: Relating to fraudulent misrepresentation by employers to reduce workers' compensation premiums; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Consumer and Business Services

Measure Description

The measure requires the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to assess a civil penalty against employers that knowingly and intentionally misrepresent an employer's payroll or hours worked or, misclassify the occupation or industry in which an employee is employed. The measure outlines how much each civil penalty shall be assessed and requires all monies collected to be paid into the Workers' Benefit Fund. Monies collected in the Fund shall be transferred to insurers whom the employer made the fraudulent misrepresentation or fraudulent misclassification, administrative costs of investigations, and any purpose for which monies in the Fund may be used. The provisions to measure apply to employer conduct occurring on or after the effective date of the measure.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate at this time. The agency reports that there are 311 insurers in Oregon and based on data received from the State Accident Insurance Fund (SAIF), there are minimal employer fraud cases received each year. DCBS reports that a nominal number of cases would require the agency to add a new program within the Worker's Compensation Division to address the additional workload, however, until actual caseload is identified, the fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.