

SB 606 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure adds employees of the Oregon State Hospital who have direct contact with patients and employees of the Department of Human Services who work at the Stabilization and Crisis Unit to the list of employees who have a presumption that specified stress disorders are a compensable occupational disease under workers' compensation law.

Fiscal impact: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue impact: Has minimal revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Applicable stress disorders
- Use of presumption
- Impetus for the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Workers' compensation insurance pays for workers' medical treatment and lost wages on accepted claims when workers suffer work-related injuries or illnesses. Oregon employers that have one or more workers, must carry workers' compensation insurance or be self-insured. The Workers' Compensation Division (division) administers and regulates the laws and rules surrounding workers' compensation in Oregon. The division is a part of the Department of Consumer and Business Services. The Workers' Compensation Board is composed of five members and is charged with resolving workers' compensation disputes.

Senate Bill 606 adds employees of the Oregon State Hospital who have direct contact with patients and employees of the Department of Human Services who work at the Stabilization and Crisis Unit to the list of employees who have a presumption that specified stress disorders are a compensable occupational disease under workers' compensation law.