

# A-Engrossed House Bill 2802

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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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act would change when a lump sum payment for permanent partial disability has to be made. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.1).

[*Requires*] **Establishes the circumstances in which an insurer is required** to make a lump sum payment of a permanent partial disability award [*if the worker waives reconsideration of the notice of closure or the award has become final by operation of law*].

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to lump sum payments of permanent partial disability awards; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 656.230.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 656.230 is amended to read:

656.230. (1) When a worker has been awarded compensation for permanent partial disability, **and the total amount of the award does not exceed \$6,000, the insurer or the self-insured employer shall pay the total amount of the award to the worker in a lump sum payment.**

(2)(a) **Subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection, when a worker has been awarded compensation for permanent partial disability, the total amount of the award exceeds \$6,000 and the worker requests payment of all or part of the award in a lump sum payment, the insurer or self-insured employer shall make the payment requested** [*unless the*] **if:**

[(a)] **(A) The worker has** [*not*] **waived the right to** [*appeal the adequacy of the award;*] **request reconsideration of the notice of closure; or**

[(b)] **(B) The award has** [*not*] **become final by operation of law**[;].

**(b) The insurer or self-insured employer is not required to make the payment requested if:**

**(A) The insurer or self-insured employer timely requests reconsideration of the notice of closure under ORS 656.268 (5)(e) and the reconsideration proceeding has not yet been completed;**

[(c)] **(B) Payment of compensation has been stayed pending a request for hearing or review under ORS 656.313; or**

[(d)] **(C) The worker is enrolled and actively engaged in training according to rules adopted pursuant to ORS 656.340 and 656.726.**

[(2)] **(3) Any unpaid balance of the award that is not paid in a lump sum payment shall be paid pursuant to ORS 656.216.**

**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.

1        *[(3) In all cases where the award for permanent partial disability does not exceed \$6,000, the*  
2        *insurer or the self-insured employer shall pay all of the award to the worker in a lump sum.]*

3        **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 656.230 by section 1 of this 2025 Act apply to claims**  
4        **in which a notice of closure is issued on or after January 1, 2026.**

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