

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2802

By COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND WORKPLACE STANDARDS

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1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after the semicolon insert “creating new provisions; and”.

2 Delete lines 4 through 23 and insert:

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

4 “656.230. (1) When a worker has been awarded compensation for permanent partial disability,
5 **and the total amount of the award does not exceed \$6,000, the insurer or the self-insured**
6 **employer shall pay the total amount of the award to the worker in a lump sum payment.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 “[*(2)*] **(3)** Any unpaid balance of the award **that is** not paid in a lump sum payment shall be paid
24 pursuant to ORS 656.216.

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

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