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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND WORKPLACE STANDARDS (at the request of Department of Consumer and Business Standards)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2802

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

3 Delete lines 4 through 23 and insert:

4 "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 \$9,000, the insurer or the self-insured employer shall pay the total
amount of the award to the worker in a lump sum payment.

9 "(2)(a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection, when a worker 10 has been awarded compensation for permanent partial disability, the 11 total amount of the award exceeds \$9,000 and the worker requests pay-12 ment of all or part of the award in a lump sum payment, the insurer or 13 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

16 "[(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 recon sideration 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.

5 "[(2)] (3) Any unpaid balance of the award **that is** not paid in a lump sum 6 payment shall be paid pursuant to ORS 656.216.

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

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

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