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

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:

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- 4 **"SECTION 1.** ORS 656.230 is amended to read:
- 5 "656.230. (1) When a worker has been awarded compensation for perma-
- 6 nent partial disability, and the total amount of the award does not ex
 - ceed \$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.
- 9 "(2)(a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection, when a worker
- 10 has been awarded compensation for permanent partial disability, the
 - total amount of the award exceeds \$6,000 and the worker requests pay-
- 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
- "[(b)] (B) The award has [not] become final by operation of law[;].
- 17 "(b) The insurer or self-insured employer is not required to make 18 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.
- "[(3) In all cases where the award for permanent partial disability does not 8 exceed \$6,000, the insurer or the self-insured employer shall pay all of the 9 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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