

Requested by Senator TAYLOR

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 906**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 30 and delete pages
2 2 and 3 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 652.610 is amended to read:

4 “652.610. (1)(a) All persons, firms, partnerships, associations, cooperative
5 associations, corporations, municipal corporations, the state and its political
6 subdivisions, except the federal government and its agencies, employing, in
7 this state, during any calendar month one or more persons, shall provide the
8 employee on regular paydays and at other times payment of wages, salary
9 or commission is made, with an itemized statement as described in paragraph
10 (b) of this subsection.

11 “(b) The statement required under this subsection must be [*a written*
12 *statement,*] **written in plain language and** sufficiently itemized to show:

13 “(A) The date of the payment;

14 “(B) The dates of work covered by the payment;

15 “(C) The name of the employee;

16 “(D) The name and business registry number or business identification
17 number;

18 “(E) The address and telephone number of the employer;

19 “(F) The rate or rates of pay;

20 “(G) Whether the employee is paid by the hour, shift, day or week or on
21 a salary, piece or commission basis;

1 “(H) Gross wages;

2 “(I) Net wages;

3 “(J) The amount and purpose of each deduction made during the respec-
4 tive period of service that the payment covers;

5 “(K) Allowances, if any, claimed as part of minimum wage;

6 “(L) Unless the employee is paid on a salary basis and is exempt from
7 overtime compensation as established by local, state or federal law, the reg-
8 ular hourly rate or rates of pay, the overtime rate or rates of pay, the num-
9 ber of regular hours worked and pay for those hours, and the number of
10 overtime hours worked and pay for those hours; and

11 “(M) If the employee is paid a piece rate, the applicable piece rate or
12 rates of pay, the number of pieces completed at each piece rate and the total
13 pay for each rate.

14 “(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this subsection, the employer may
15 provide the statement required under this subsection to the employee in
16 electronic form pursuant to ORS 84.001 to 84.061 if:

17 “(A) The statement contains the information described in paragraph (b)
18 of this section;

19 “(B) The employee expressly agrees to receive the statement in electronic
20 form; and

21 “(C) The employee has the ability to print or store the statement at the
22 time of receipt.

23 “(d) **For purposes of this subsection, a statement complies with**
24 **plain language standards if the statement uses language that is easy**
25 **to understand and, to the extent practicable:**

26 “(A) **Uses simple words that convey meanings clearly and directly;**

27 “(B) **Uses the present tense and active voice;**

28 “(C) **Uses short, simple sentences; and**

29 “(D) **Defines only those words that cannot be properly explained or**
30 **qualified in the text, including acronyms and codes that are used to**

1 **represent specific types of deductions or benefits.**

2 “(2)(a) The statement may be attached to or be a part of the check, draft,
3 voucher or other instrument by which payment is made, or may be delivered
4 separately from the instrument.

5 “(b) The statement shall be provided electronically at the time payment
6 is made to all state officers and employees paid electronically under the state
7 payroll system as provided by ORS 292.026.

8 “(c) State agencies shall provide access to electronic statements to em-
9 ployees who do not have regular access to computers in their workplace.

10 “(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this subsection, if an officer or
11 employee paid under the state payroll system as provided by ORS 292.026
12 wants to receive payment of net salary and wages by check or to receive a
13 paper statement of itemized payroll deductions, the officer or employee shall
14 request paper statements or payment by check in accordance with the pro-
15 cedures adopted by rule by the Oregon Department of Administrative Ser-
16 vices.

17 “(3) An employer may not withhold, deduct or divert any portion of an
18 employee’s wages unless:

19 “(a) The employer is required to do so by law;

20 “(b) The deductions are voluntarily authorized in writing by the employee,
21 are for the employee’s benefit and are recorded in the employer’s books;

22 “(c) The employee has voluntarily signed an authorization for a deduction
23 for any other item, provided that the ultimate recipient of the money with-
24 held is not the employer and that the deduction is recorded in the employer’s
25 books;

26 “(d) The deduction is authorized by a collective bargaining agreement to
27 which the employer is a party;

28 “(e) The deduction is authorized under ORS 18.736; or

29 “(f) The deduction is made from the payment of wages upon termination
30 of employment and is authorized pursuant to a written agreement between

1 the employee and employer for the repayment of a loan made to the employee
2 by the employer, if all of the following conditions are met:

3 “(A) The employee has voluntarily signed the agreement;

4 “(B) The loan was paid to the employee in cash or other medium permit-
5 ted by ORS 652.110;

6 “(C) The loan was made solely for the employee’s benefit and was not
7 used, either directly or indirectly, for any purpose required by the employer
8 or connected with the employee’s employment with the employer;

9 “(D) The amount of the deduction at termination of employment does not
10 exceed the amount permitted to be garnished under ORS 18.385; and

11 “(E) The deduction is recorded in the employer’s books.

12 “(4) When an employer deducts an amount from an employee’s wages as
13 required or authorized by law or agreement, the employer shall pay the
14 amount deducted to the appropriate recipient as required by the law or
15 agreement. The employer shall pay the amount deducted within the time re-
16 quired by the law or the agreement or, if the time for payment is not speci-
17 fied by the law or agreement, within seven days after the date the wages
18 from which the deductions are made are due. Failure to pay the amount as
19 required constitutes an unlawful deduction.

20 “(5) This section does not:

21 “(a) Prohibit the withholding of amounts authorized in writing by the
22 employee to be contributed by the employee to charitable organizations, in-
23 cluding contributions made pursuant to ORS 663.110;

24 “(b) Prohibit deductions by checkoff dues to labor organizations or service
25 fees when the deductions are not otherwise prohibited by law; or

26 “(c) Diminish or enlarge the right of any person to assert and enforce a
27 lawful setoff or counterclaim or to attach, take, reach or apply an employee’s
28 compensation on due legal process.”.

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