

June 22, 2025

Members of the House Rules Committee

Re: SB 174A and Workers' Compensation Impact

Dear Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Pham and Drazen, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to your committee on SB 174A, and our concerns regarding the bill. As management members of the Management Labor Advisory Committee, it is our role to ensure that legislation passed by the Oregon State Legislature is properly vetted for its potential impact on Oregon's successful workers' compensation system.

We first heard of this bill on May 1, 2025, when it was brought to our attention by a stakeholder. Upon learning that workers' compensation was not exempted from the purview of this bill, we were interested in learning more and looking into what the possible impact to workers' compensation may be. However, given that the bill was in the Senate awaiting a vote, there was not an opportunity to weigh in.

As this bill has moved to the House, we are requesting that MLAC be given the opportunity to review this bill for potential impacts to the workers' compensation system. We believe that such review is in line with the core principles of MLAC.

There was a request on the MLAC record during the May 1, 2025 meeting from MLAC management members, to bring more information to MLAC with the opportunity to review the impact to the workers' compensation system, if it moved out the Senate. It was confirmed by then Director Stolfi, that there would be connection with the Co-Chairs of MLAC on this bill if there was further movement. Given the current movement of the bill, we request that there be information and an opportunity to discuss at MLAC.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Management Members of the Management Labor Advisory Committee