

HB 4027-7  
(LC 55)  
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Requested by Senator TAYLOR

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 4027**

1        In line 2 of the printed bill, after the semicolon insert “creating new  
2        provisions; amending ORS 279C.825, 656.506, 656.605 and 656.630;”.

3        Delete lines 4 through 12 and insert:

4        **“SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a part**  
5        **of ORS chapter 656.**

6        **“SECTION 2. (1) The BOLI Expenses Fund is established in the**  
7        **State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest**  
8        **earned by the BOLI Expenses Fund shall be credited to the fund.**

9        **“(2) Moneys in the BOLI Expenses Fund are continuously appro-**  
10        **priated to the Department of Consumer and Business Services.**

11        **“(3) Subject to an agreement between the Director of the Depart-**  
12        **ment of Consumer and Business Services and the Commissioner of the**  
13        **Bureau of Labor and Industries, moneys in the BOLI Expenses Fund**  
14        **may be used to reimburse the actual administrative expenses incurred**  
15        **by the director under this section and ORS 656.506 (6) and (8).**

16        **“(4) The BOLI Expenses Fund consists of:**

17        **“(a) Moneys deposited in the fund under ORS 656.506 (6) and (8); and**

18        **“(b) Moneys appropriated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly.**

19        **“SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2026 Act is amended to read:**

20        **“Sec. 2. (1) The BOLI Expenses Fund is established in the State Treasury,**  
21        **separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the BOLI**

1 Expenses Fund shall be credited to the fund.

2       “(2) Moneys in the BOLI Expenses Fund are continuously appropriated  
3 to the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

4       “(3) Subject to an agreement between the Director of the Department of  
5 Consumer and Business Services and the Commissioner of the Bureau of  
6 Labor and Industries[,]:

7       “(a) Moneys in the BOLI Expenses Fund may be used to reimburse the  
8 actual administrative expenses incurred by the director under this section  
9 and ORS 656.506 (6) and (8).

10       **“(b) The director may transfer moneys from the fund to the Bureau  
11 of Labor and Industries for payment of the expenses incurred by the  
12 commissioner in carrying out the duties set forth in ORS 651.050.**

13       “(4) The BOLI Expenses Fund consists of:

14       “(a) Moneys deposited in the fund under ORS 656.506 (6) and (8); and

15       “(b) Moneys appropriated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly.

16       **“SECTION 4. The amendments to section 2 of this 2026 Act by sec-  
17 tion 3 of this 2026 Act become operative on July 1, 2029.**

18       **“SECTION 5.** ORS 656.506 is amended to read:

19       “656.506. (1) As used in this section:

20       “(a) ‘Employee’ means a subject worker as defined in ORS 656.005 [(28)].

21       “(b) ‘Employer’ means a subject employer as defined in ORS 656.005  
22 [(13)].

23       “(2) Every employer shall retain from the moneys earned by all employees  
24 an amount determined by the Director of the Department of Consumer and  
25 Business Services for each hour or part of an hour the employee is employed  
26 and pay the money retained in the manner and at such intervals as the di-  
27 rector shall specify.

28       “(3) In addition to all moneys retained under subsection (2) of this sec-  
29 tion, the director shall assess each employer an amount equal to that as-  
30 sessed pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. The assessment must be

1 paid in such manner and at such intervals as the director may specify.  
2       “(4)(a) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall deposit  
3 moneys collected pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, and any  
4 accrued cash balances, into the Workers’ Benefit Fund, **and the BOLI Expenses Fund established under section 2 of this 2026 Act, in accordance with subsections (5) to (8) of this section.**  
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6       “(b) Subject to the limitations in subsections (2) and (3) of this section,  
7 the amount of the *[hourly]* assessments provided in subsections (2) and (3)  
8 of this section *[annually]* may be adjusted **annually to enable the department to:**  
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10       “(A) Meet the needs of the Workers’ Benefit Fund for the expenditures  
11 of the department in carrying out the department’s functions and duties  
12 pursuant to subsection [(7)] (10) of this section and ORS 656.445, 656.622,  
13 656.625, 656.628 and 656.630[.]; and  
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15       “(B) **Deposit in the BOLI Expenses Fund the amount determined under subsection (6) of this section.**

16       “(c) **The amount of the assessments provided for under subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall be computed using the assessment rates determined under subsections (5) and (6) of this section.**

17       “(d) **The assessment rates under subsections (5) and (6) of this section shall be determined separately.**

18       “(e) Factors to be considered in *[making such adjustment of]* **determining the [assessments] assessment rates** must include, but not be limited to, the *[cash balance]* **respective cash balances** as determined by the director and estimated expenditures and revenues of the Workers’ Benefit Fund **and the BOLI Expenses Fund.**

19       “(5) The Legislative Assembly intends that the department set **assessment rates [for the collection of assessments]** pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of this section *[in a manner]* so that at the end of the period for which the rates are effective, the balance of the Workers’ Benefit Fund is an

1 amount of not less than 12 months of projected expenditures from the fund  
2 in regard to the department's functions and duties under subsection [7] (10)  
3 of this section and ORS 656.445, 656.622, 656.625, 656.628 and 656.630, in a  
4 manner that minimizes the volatility of the rates assessed.

5 **“(6)(a) The Legislative Assembly intends that the department set**  
6 **assessment rates pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of this section so**  
7 **that there shall have been deposited in the BOLI Expenses Fund, for**  
8 **the purposes of funding the expenses incurred by the Commissioner**  
9 **of the Bureau of Labor and Industries in carrying out the duties set**  
10 **forth in ORS 651.050, and reimbursing the actual administrative ex-**  
11 **penses incurred by the Director of the Department of Consumer and**  
12 **Business Services described in section 2 (3) of this 2026 Act, at least:**

13 **“(A) On or before June 30, 2029, \$4.25 million.**

14 **“(B) On or before June 30, 2030, the greater of:**

15 **“(i) \$4.25 million; or**

16 **“(ii) 12 months of projected expenses from the fund, including:**

17 **“(I) \$4.25 million adjusted for any increase in the costs of Bureau**  
18 **of Labor and Industries positions; and**

19 **“(II) The reimbursements described in section 2 (3) of this 2026 Act.**

20 **“(C) On or before June 30, 2031, and June 30 of each subsequent**  
21 **year, the greater of:**

22 **“(i) \$9.5 million; or**

23 **“(ii) 12 months of projected expenses from the fund, including:**

24 **“(I) \$9.5 million adjusted for any increase in the costs of Bureau of**  
25 **Labor and Industries positions; and**

26 **“(II) The reimbursements described in section 2 (3) of this 2026 Act.**

27 **“(b) The department shall set assessment rates for purposes of this**  
28 **subsection so as to:**

29 **“(A) Minimize the volatility of the rates; and**

30 **“(B) Create a 12-month reserve in the fund.**

1       “(c) New positions funded by the assessments on or after July 1,  
2 2031, may not exceed the cumulative cost of \$5.25 million per year as  
3 of July 1, 2031.

4       “(7)(a) If the department determines that the balance of the **Workers'**  
5 **Benefit** Fund will fall below the balance required under [*this*] subsection (5)  
6 **of this section**, the department shall devise and report to the Workers'  
7 Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee a plan to increase the  
8 balance to the required amount.

9       “(b) The department may set the assessment rate **determined under**  
10 **subsection (5) of this section** at a higher level if the department deter-  
11 mines that a higher **assessment** rate is necessary to avoid unintentional  
12 program or benefit reductions in the time period immediately following the  
13 period for which the rate is being set.

14       “(8)(a) **If the department determines that the balance of the BOLI**  
15 **Expenses Fund will fall below the reserve required under subsection**  
16 **(6) of this section, the department, in consultation with the Bureau**  
17 **of Labor and Industries, shall devise and report to the Workers'**  
18 **Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee a plan to in-**  
19 **crease the reserve to the required amount.**

20       “(b) **The department may set the assessment rate determined under**  
21 **subsection (6) of this section at a higher level if the department de-**  
22 **termines that a higher assessment rate is necessary to avoid uninten-**  
23 **tional program or benefit reductions in the time period immediately**  
24 **following the period for which the rate is being set.**

25       “[(6)] (9) Every employer required to pay the assessments referred to in  
26 this section shall make and file a report of employee hours worked and  
27 amounts due under this section upon a combined report form prescribed by  
28 the Department of Revenue. The report must be filed with the Department  
29 of Revenue:

30       “(a) At the times and in the manner prescribed in ORS 316.168 and

1 316.171; or

2       “(b) Annually as required or allowed pursuant to ORS 316.197, 657.571 or  
3 657B.150.

4       “[(7)] (10)(a) There is established a Retroactive Program for the purpose  
5 of providing increased benefits to claimants or beneficiaries eligible to re-  
6 ceive compensation under the benefit schedules of ORS 656.204, 656.206,  
7 656.208 and 656.210 that are lower than currently being paid for like injuries.  
8 However, benefits payable under ORS 656.210 may not be increased by the  
9 Retroactive Program for claimants whose injury occurred on or after April  
10 1, 1974.

11       “(b) Notwithstanding the formulas for computing benefits provided in  
12 ORS 656.204, 656.206, 656.208 and 656.210, the increased benefits payable un-  
13 der this subsection must be in such amount as the director considers appro-  
14 priate.

15       “(c) The director [*annually*] shall **annually** compute the amount which  
16 may be available during the succeeding year for payment of such increased  
17 benefits and determine the level of benefits to be paid during such year. If,  
18 during such year, it is determined by the director that there are insufficient  
19 funds to increase benefits to the level fixed by the director, the director may  
20 reduce the level of benefits payable under this subsection.

21       “(d) The increase in benefits to workers is payable in the first instance  
22 by the insurer or self-insured employer subject to reimbursement from the  
23 Workers’ Benefit Fund by the director. If the insurer is a member of the  
24 Oregon Insurance Guaranty Association and becomes insolvent and the  
25 Oregon Insurance Guaranty Association assumes the insurer’s obligations to  
26 pay covered claims of subject workers, including Retroactive Program bene-  
27 fits, the benefits are payable in the first instance by the Oregon Insurance  
28 Guaranty Association, subject to reimbursement from the Workers’ Benefit  
29 Fund by the director.

30       **“SECTION 6. (1) The amendments to ORS 656.506 by section 5 of this**

1   **2026 Act become operative on January 1, 2027.**

2       **“(2) Notwithstanding the operative date set forth in subsection (1)**  
3   **of this section, the Director of the Department of Consumer and**  
4   **Business Services and the Director of the Department of Revenue may**  
5   **take any action before the operative date set forth in subsection (1)**  
6   **of this section that is necessary for the directors to administer ORS**  
7   **656.506, as amended by section 5 of this 2026 Act, on or after the op-**  
8   **erative date set forth in subsection (1) of this section.**

9       **“SECTION 7.** ORS 656.506, as amended by section 5 of this 2026 Act, is  
10   amended to read:

11       “656.506. (1) As used in this section:

12       “(a) ‘Employee’ means a subject worker as defined in ORS 656.005.

13       “(b) ‘Employer’ means a subject employer as defined in ORS 656.005.

14       “(2) Every employer shall retain from the moneys earned by all employees  
15   an amount determined by the Director of the Department of Consumer and  
16   Business Services for each hour or part of an hour the employee is employed  
17   and pay the money retained in the manner and at such intervals as the di-  
18   rector shall specify.

19       “(3) In addition to all moneys retained under subsection (2) of this sec-  
20   tion, the director shall assess each employer an amount equal to that as-  
21   sessed pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. The assessment must be  
22   paid in such manner and at such intervals as the director may specify.

23       “(4)(a) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall deposit  
24   moneys collected pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, and any  
25   accrued cash balances, into the Workers’ Benefit Fund, and the BOLI Ex-  
26   penses Fund established under section 2 of this 2026 Act, in accordance with  
27   subsections (5) to (8) of this section.

28       “(b) Subject to the limitations in subsections (2) and (3) of this section,  
29   the amount of the assessments provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this  
30   section may be adjusted annually to enable the department to:

1       “(A) Meet the needs of the Workers’ Benefit Fund for the expenditures  
2 of the department in carrying out the department’s functions and duties  
3 pursuant to subsection (10) of this section and ORS 656.445, 656.622, 656.625,  
4 656.628 and 656.630; and

5       “(B) Deposit in the BOLI Expenses Fund the amount determined under  
6 subsection (6) of this section.

7       “(c) The amount of the assessments provided for under subsections (2) and  
8 (3) of this section shall be computed using the assessment rates determined  
9 under subsections (5) and (6) of this section.

10      “(d) The assessment rates under subsections (5) and (6) of this section  
11 shall be determined separately.

12      “(e) Factors to be considered in determining the assessment rates must  
13 include, but not be limited to, the respective cash balances as determined by  
14 the director and estimated expenditures and revenues of the Workers’ Benefit  
15 Fund and the BOLI Expenses Fund.

16      “(5) The Legislative Assembly intends that the department set assessment  
17 rates pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of this section so that at the end  
18 of the period for which the rates are effective, the balance of the Workers’  
19 Benefit Fund is an amount of not less than 12 months of projected expendi-  
20 tures from the fund in regard to the department’s functions and duties under  
21 subsection (10) of this section and ORS 656.445, 656.622, 656.625, 656.628 and  
22 656.630, in a manner that minimizes the volatility of the rates assessed.

23      “(6)(a) The Legislative Assembly intends that the department set assess-  
24 ment rates pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of this section so that, **on or**  
25 **before June 30 of each year**, there shall have been deposited in the BOLI  
26 Expenses Fund, for the purposes of funding the expenses incurred by the  
27 Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries in carrying out the  
28 duties set forth in ORS 651.050, and reimbursing the actual administrative  
29 expenses incurred by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Busi-  
30 ness Services described in section 2 (3) of this 2026 Act, at least **the greater**

1    **of:**

2    “[*(A) On or before June 30, 2029, \$4.25 million.*]

3    “[*(B) On or before June 30, 2030, the greater of:*]

4    “[*(i) \$4.25 million; or*]

5    “[*(ii) 12 months of projected expenses from the fund, including:*]

6    “[*(I) \$4.25 million adjusted for any increase in the costs of Bureau of Labor*  
7    *and Industries positions; and ]*

8    “[*(II) The reimbursements described in section 2 (3) of this 2026 Act.*]

9    “[*(C) On or before June 30, 2031, and June 30 of each subsequent year, the*  
10    *greater of:*]

11    “[*(i)] (A) \$9.5 million; or*

12    “[*(ii)] (B) 12 months of projected expenses from the fund, including:*]

13    “[*(I)] (i) \$9.5 million adjusted for any increase in the costs of Bureau of*  
14    *Labor and Industries positions; and*

15    “[*(II)] (ii) The reimbursements described in section 2 (3) of this 2026 Act.*]

16    “(b) The department shall set assessment rates for purposes of this sub-  
17    section so as to:

18    “(A) Minimize the volatility of the rates; and

19    “(B) [*Create*] **Maintain** a 12-month reserve in the fund.

20    “(c) New positions funded by the assessments on or after July 1, 2031,  
21    may not exceed the cumulative cost of \$5.25 million per year as of July 1,  
22    2031.

23    “(7)(a) If the department determines that the balance of the Workers’  
24    Benefit Fund will fall below the balance required under subsection (5) of this  
25    section, the department shall devise and report to the Workers’ Compen-  
26    sation Management-Labor Advisory Committee a plan to increase the bal-  
27    ance to the required amount.

28    “(b) The department may set the assessment rate determined under sub-  
29    section (5) of this section at a higher level if the department determines that  
30    a higher assessment rate is necessary to avoid unintentional program or

1 benefit reductions in the time period immediately following the period for  
2 which the rate is being set.

3 “(8)(a) If the department determines that the balance of the BOLI Ex-  
4 penses Fund will fall below the reserve required under subsection (6) of this  
5 section, the department, in consultation with the Bureau of Labor and In-  
6 dustries, shall devise and report to the Workers’ Compensation  
7 Management-Labor Advisory Committee a plan to increase the reserve to the  
8 required amount.

9 “(b) The department may set the assessment rate determined under sub-  
10 section (6) of this section at a higher level if the department determines that  
11 a higher assessment rate is necessary to avoid unintentional program or  
12 benefit reductions in the time period immediately following the period for  
13 which the rate is being set.

14 “(9) Every employer required to pay the assessments referred to in this  
15 section shall make and file a report of employee hours worked and amounts  
16 due under this section upon a combined report form prescribed by the De-  
17 partment of Revenue. The report must be filed with the Department of Rev-  
18 enue:

19 “(a) At the times and in the manner prescribed in ORS 316.168 and  
20 316.171; or

21 “(b) Annually as required or allowed pursuant to ORS 316.197, 657.571 or  
22 657B.150.

23 “(10)(a) There is established a Retroactive Program for the purpose of  
24 providing increased benefits to claimants or beneficiaries eligible to receive  
25 compensation under the benefit schedules of ORS 656.204, 656.206, 656.208 and  
26 656.210 that are lower than currently being paid for like injuries. However,  
27 benefits payable under ORS 656.210 may not be increased by the Retroactive  
28 Program for claimants whose injury occurred on or after April 1, 1974.

29 “(b) Notwithstanding the formulas for computing benefits provided in  
30 ORS 656.204, 656.206, 656.208 and 656.210, the increased benefits payable un-

1 der this subsection must be in such amount as the director considers appro-  
2 priate.

3       “(c) The director shall annually compute the amount which may be  
4 available during the succeeding year for payment of such increased benefits  
5 and determine the level of benefits to be paid during such year. If, during  
6 such year, it is determined by the director that there are insufficient funds  
7 to increase benefits to the level fixed by the director, the director may reduce  
8 the level of benefits payable under this subsection.

9       “(d) The increase in benefits to workers is payable in the first instance  
10 by the insurer or self-insured employer subject to reimbursement from the  
11 Workers’ Benefit Fund by the director. If the insurer is a member of the  
12 Oregon Insurance Guaranty Association and becomes insolvent and the  
13 Oregon Insurance Guaranty Association assumes the insurer’s obligations to  
14 pay covered claims of subject workers, including Retroactive Program bene-  
15 fits, the benefits are payable in the first instance by the Oregon Insurance  
16 Guaranty Association, subject to reimbursement from the Workers’ Benefit  
17 Fund by the director.

18       **“SECTION 8. The amendments to ORS 656.506 by section 7 of this**  
19 **2026 Act become operative on July 1, 2031.**

20       **“SECTION 9.** ORS 656.605 is amended to read:

21       “656.605. (1) The Workers’ Benefit Fund is created in the State Treasury,  
22 separate and distinct from the General Fund. Moneys in the fund shall be  
23 invested in the same manner as other state moneys and investment earnings  
24 shall be credited to the fund. The fund shall consist of the following:

25       “(a) Moneys received pursuant to ORS 656.506.

26       “(b) Moneys recovered under ORS 656.054.

27       “(c) Penalties recovered under ORS 656.735.

28       “(d) All moneys received by the Director of the Department of Consumer  
29 and Business Services pursuant to law or from any other source for purposes  
30 for which the fund may be expended.

1       “(2) Moneys in the Workers’ Benefit Fund may be expended for the fol-  
2 lowing purposes:

3       “(a) Expenses of programs under ORS 656.445, 656.506, 656.622, 656.625,  
4 656.628 and 656.630.

5       “(b) Proceedings against noncomplying employers pursuant to ORS 656.054  
6 and 656.735.

7       “(c) Expenses of vocational assistance on claims, the cost of which was  
8 imposed pursuant to section 15, chapter 600, Oregon Laws 1985.

9       “(d) Payment of supplemental temporary disability benefits for workers  
10 employed in more than one job at the time of injury and reimbursement of  
11 the costs of administering payments resulting from elections by insurers and  
12 self-insured employers as provided by ORS 656.210 (5).

13       “(e) Payments made to injured workers pursuant to section 6a, chapter  
14 865, Oregon Laws 2001.

15       “(f) Expenses of the Bureau of Labor and Industries for enforcing ORS  
16 659A.040, 659A.043, 659A.046, 659A.049 and 659A.052, subject to an agreement  
17 between the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services  
18 and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries. The agreement  
19 must include, but is not limited to, the amount of funds to be transferred to  
20 the bureau for enforcing ORS 659A.040, 659A.043, 659A.046, 659A.049 and  
21 659A.052 and the information relating to the enforcement of ORS 659A.040,  
22 659A.043, 659A.046, 659A.049 and 659A.052 that the bureau must report to the  
23 director.

24       “(g) Reimbursement to the insurer or self-insured employer for the amount  
25 of permanent total disability benefits paid after the date of the notice of  
26 closure that was upheld pursuant to ORS 656.206.

27       “(h) Reimbursement of vocational benefit expenses as provided in ORS  
28 656.313.

29       “(3) Subject to the following provisions, all moneys in the fund are ap-  
30 propriated continuously to the Director of the Department of Consumer and

1 Business Services to carry out the activities for which the fund may be ex-  
2 pended:

3       “(a) Moneys received pursuant to ORS 656.054 and 656.735 and transfers  
4 made pursuant to ORS 705.148 may be expended only to carry out the pro-  
5 visions of ORS 656.054 and 656.735 and section 15, chapter 600, Oregon Laws  
6 1985.

7       “(b) Moneys received pursuant to ORS 656.506 and the transfers of unex-  
8 pended and unobligated moneys in the Retroactive Reserve, Reemployment  
9 Assistance Reserve, Reopened Claims Reserve and Handicapped Workers  
10 Reserve referred to in ORS 656.506, 656.622, 656.625 and 656.628 (All 1993  
11 Edition) may be expended only to carry out the programs referred to in ORS  
12 656.506, 656.622, 656.625, 656.628 and 656.630.

13       “(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if the director  
14 determines at any time that there are insufficient moneys in the Workers’  
15 Benefit Fund to pay the expenses of programs for which expenditure of the  
16 fund is authorized, the director may reduce the level of benefits payable ac-  
17 cordingly.

18       **“(5) Moneys in the fund may not be transferred to the BOLI Ex-  
19 penses Fund established under section 2 of this 2026 Act for the pur-  
20 pose of complying with ORS 656.506 (6) or (8).**

21       **“SECTION 10.** ORS 656.630 is amended to read:

22       “656.630. (1) There is transferred to and continuously appropriated to the  
23 Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences of the Oregon Health and  
24 Science University, the following amounts from the following sources:

25       “(a) The amount of revenue equivalent to one-sixteenth of one cent of the  
26 money deductible from workers’ wages pursuant to ORS 656.506 (2) **assessed**  
27 **at the rate set by the Director of the Department of Consumer and**  
28 **Business Services under ORS 656.506 (5).**

29       “(b) An amount equal to the amount raised by paragraph (a) of this sub-  
30 section from those assessments made pursuant to ORS 656.612 (2).

1       “(2) The moneys referred to in subsection (1) of this section may only be  
2 used for paying the expenses of the Oregon Institute of Occupational Health  
3 Sciences. If the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Ser-  
4 vices determines adequate funds are available and the director reduces or  
5 suspends for a period of time the assessments made pursuant to ORS 656.506  
6 (2) and 656.612 (2), the reduction or suspension of the assessments does not  
7 terminate the transfers to the Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sci-  
8 ences authorized in subsection (1) of this section.

9       “(3) Annually, the Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences shall  
10 file a report with the Oregon Health and Science University, with a copy to  
11 the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, describ-  
12 ing the activities in sufficient detail for which moneys received under this  
13 section during the year have been obligated or expended.

14       **“SECTION 11.** ORS 279C.825 is amended to read:

15       “279C.825. (1)(a) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries,  
16 by order, shall establish a fee to be paid by the public agency that awards  
17 a public works contract subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870. The commis-  
18 sioner shall use the fee to pay the costs of:

19       “(A) Surveys to determine the prevailing rates of wage;

20       “(B) Administering and providing investigations under and enforcement  
21 of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870; and

22       “(C) Providing educational programs on public contracting law under the  
23 Public Contracting Code.

24       “(b) The commissioner shall establish the fee at 0.1 percent of the con-  
25 tract price. However, in no event may a fee be charged and collected that is  
26 less than \$250 or more than [\$7,500] **\$12,500**.

27       “(2) The commissioner shall pay moneys received under this section into  
28 the State Treasury. The moneys shall be credited to the Prevailing Wage  
29 Education and Enforcement Account created by ORS 651.185.

30       “(3) The public agency shall pay the fee at the time the public agency

1 notifies the commissioner under ORS 279C.835 a contract subject to the  
2 provisions of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 has been awarded.

3 **“SECTION 12. Section 13 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a**  
4 **part of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870.**

5 **“SECTION 13. (1) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and**  
6 **Industries shall submit a report, in the manner provided in ORS**  
7 **192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly relating**  
8 **to labor, that examines whether the maximum fee amount allowed**  
9 **under ORS 279C.825 (1)(b) raises enough revenue for the Bureau of**  
10 **Labor and Industries to meet its staffing needs.**

11 **“(2) The report shall be submitted no later than September 15 of**  
12 **each even-numbered year.**

13 **“SECTION 14. This 2026 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the**  
14 **date on which the 2026 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative**  
15 **Assembly adjourns sine die.”.**

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