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Update for rulemaking notices:

- **Caption: 2020 Workers' Benefit Fund Assessment Rate**
- **Caption: 2020 Workers' Compensation Premium Assessment Rates**

In recently published notices of proposed rulemaking hearings, the department announced that proposed assessment rates would be published by the middle of September.

## **Regarding proposed changes to OAR 436-070, Workers' Benefit Fund Assessment:**

- The proposed 2020 Workers' Benefit Fund assessment rate is 2.2 cents per hour worked, a decrease from the current rate of 2.4 cents per hour.

## **Regarding proposed changes to OAR 440-045, Premium Assessment:**

- Based on economic forecasts, department analysts recommend a premium assessment rate of 8.4 percent. The proposed increase from 7.8 percent to 8.4 percent will allow the department to maintain current service levels throughout 2020.
- Additional assessments to fund the Self-Insured Employer Adjustment Reserve and Self-Insured Employer Group Adjustment Reserve are expected to decline by 50 percent from 2019 levels. However, these too are proposed rates and are subject to change during the rulemaking process.

**A public rulemaking hearing** on the proposed workers' compensation premium assessment rates will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019, in Room F (Basement) of the Labor & Industries Building, 350 Winter St. NE, Salem, Oregon. Dial-in number: 1-213-787-0529; access code is 9221262#. Written testimony will be accepted through 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019, by the Director's Office of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, 350 Winter St. NE, P.O. Box 14480, Salem, OR 97309-0405.

**A public rulemaking hearing** on the proposed Workers' Benefit Fund assessment rates will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019, in Room F (Basement) of the Labor & Industries Building, 350 Winter St. NE, Salem, Oregon. Dial-in number: 1-213-787-0529; access code is 9221262#. Written testimony will be accepted through 11:55 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019, by the Workers' Compensation Division, 350 Winter St. NE, P.O. Box 14480, Salem, OR 97309-0405.

For more information on premium and Workers' Benefit Fund assessments, see:

<https://www.oregon.gov/dcbs/cost/Pages/index.aspx>, and  
<https://wcd.oregon.gov/laws/Pages/proposed-rules.aspx>.