

## 2003 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

BILL	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATE	OREGON SESSION LAWS	AFFECTED ORS
SB 63	Relates to hearings in claims involving multiple employers	1/1/04	Chap. 667	Sec. 1 – 656.262 Sec. 2 – 656.283
SB 233	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• eliminates claim closure penalties</li> <li>• legal representation for assigned claims agent</li> <li>• security for self-insured employers</li> <li>• notice of election of coverage and notice of cancellation of coverage by employer</li> <li>• termination of guaranty contracts</li> <li>• joint and several liability for multiple entities certified as one self-insured employer</li> <li>• electronic records, and rules regarding electronic transmission</li> <li>• notice of orders and appeal periods</li> </ul>	1/1/04	Chap. 170	Sec. 1 – 656.054 Sec.12 – 656.254 Sec. 2 – 656.407 Sec. 3 – 656.419 Sec. 4 – 656.423 Sec. 5 – 656.427 Sec. 6 – 656.430 Sec. 7 – 656.726 Sec. 8 – 656.735 Sec. 9 – 656.740 Sec. 13 – 656.745 Sec. 14 – 656.750
SB 234	Eliminates MLAC review of disability rating standards for individual claims	1/1/04	Chap. 171	Sec. 1 – 656.726
SB 285	Allows insurer or self-insured employer to and request reconsideration of notice of closure	1/1/04	Chap. 429	Sec. 1 - 656.268
SB 286	Workers' Compensation Board panels to be 2 members with different backgrounds, and to include public member if the two cannot agree	1/1/04	Chap. 365	Sec. 1 - 656.718
SB 620	Modifies process for determining attorney fees in certain workers' compensation disputes	1/1/04	Chap. 756	Sec. 1 – 656.262 Sec. 2 – 656.385 Sec. 3 _ Applies to all claims where order not final, regardless of the DOI
SB 757	Modifies method of calculating permanent partial disability awards for workers' compensation injuries.	1/1/04	Chap. 657	Sec. 1 – 656.214 Sec. 2 – 656.214 Sec. 3 – 656.726 Sec. 4 – 656.726 Sec. 5 – 656.206 Sec. 6 – 656.206 Sec. 7 – 656.268 Sec. 8 – 656.268 Sec. 9 – 656.307 Sec. 10 – 656.307 Sec. 11 – 656.325 Sec. 12 – 656.325

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				Sec. 13 & 14 – Specify that Sec. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 apply to DOI on or after 1/1/05 Sec. 15 & 16 – Specify that Sec. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 apply to DOI on or after 1/1/08
SB 914	Requires Director or paying agent to administer supplemental temp disability benefits in certain worker's comp claims. Modifies reporting req's for wc claims by insurer and self-insured employer. Requires director to conduct evaluation of claims reporting requirements.	1/1/04	Chap. 760	Sec. 1 – 656.210 Sec. 2 – 656.262 Sec. 3 – 656.264 Sec. 4 – Director shall evaluate claims reporting requirements and report to MLAC by 12/15/04
SB 924	Makes certain persons performing translator and interpreter services nonsubject workers for purposes of worker's compensation statutes.	1/1/04	Chap. 677	Sec. 1 - 656.027
SB 932	Relating to required notice of worker's compensation claim	1/1/04	Chap. 707	Sec. 1 – 656.265
HB 2276	Broadens relief available in civil actions for violations of injured workers' rights to reinstatement or re-employment	7/1/03	Chap. 522	Sec. 1 – 659A.885
HB 2305	Revises state policy and requirements for use and disclosure of certain health information.	5/24/03	Chap. 86	Sec. 1 – new privacy language Sec. 4 – record copy fee schedule Sec. 5 – model authorization form Sec. 8 – repeals both 192.525 & 192.530
HB 2526	Repeals sunset on laws creating Hearing Officer Panel.	5/22/03	Chap. 75	Sec. 71 – 183.310 Sec. 28 - 183.341 Sec. 29 – 183.415 Sec. 48 – 656.704
HB 3120	Creates Reg. Streamlining Adv. Comm.; Describes duties; Addresses Public Involvement in rule-making; amends ORS	9/2/03 Emergency	Chap. 749	Sec. 5 – 183.335 Sec. 6 – 183.390 Sec. 7 – 183.540 Sec. 17 – 183.545 & 183.550
HB 3177	Allows Department of Consumer and Business Services to issue warrants for collection of debts owed to	1/1/04	Chap. 578	Sec. 3 – 18.900

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HB3630	Relating to certain physicians and SAIF establishing a medical PL insurance plan	9/17/03	Chap. 781	Sec. 9 – 656.632
HB 3669	Authorizes certified nurse practitioners to provide compensable medical services and authorize temporary disability benefit workers' compensation claims.	Eff. 1/1/04 (Note: see Sec. 30 10/1/04)		Sec. 1 – 656.005 Sec. 2 – 656.005 Sec. 3 – 656.245 Sec. 4 – 656.245 Sec. 5 – 656.250 Sec. 6 – 656.250 Sec. 7 – 656.252 Sec. 8 – 656.252 Sec. 9 – 656.262 Sec. 10 – 656.262 Sec. 11 – 656.268 Sec. 12 – 656.268 Sec. 13 – 656.325 Sec. 14 – 656.325 Sec. 15 – 656.340 Sec. 16 – 656.340 Sec. 17 – 656.726 Sec. 18 – 656.726 Sec. 19 – 657.170 Sec. 20 – 657.170 Sec. 21 – 659A.043 Sec. 22 – 659A.043 Sec. 23 – 659A.046 Sec. 24 – 659A.046 Sec. 25 – 659A.049 Sec. 26 – 659A.049 Sec. 27 – 659A.063 Sec. 28 – 659A.063 Sec. 29 – Develop Ed. Materials