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SUMMARY

Increases term of Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee members from two years to three years.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee member term limits; amending ORS 656.790.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 656.790 is amended to read:

656.790. (1) The Governor shall appoint a Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee composed of 10 appointed members. Five members from organized labor shall represent subject workers and five members shall represent subject employers. In addition to the appointed members, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall serve *ex officio* as a member of the committee. The appointment of members of the committee is subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner prescribed in ORS 171.562 and 171.565.

(2) The director may recommend areas of the law which the director desires to have studied or the committee may study such aspects of the law as the committee shall determine require their consideration. The committee shall biennially review the standards for evaluation of permanent disability adopted under ORS 656.726 and shall recommend to the director factors to be included or such other modification of application of the standards as the committee considers appropriate. The committee shall biennially review and make recommendations about permanent partial disability benefits. The

1 committee shall advise the director regarding any proposed changes in the
2 operation of programs funded by the Workers' Benefit Fund. The committee
3 shall report its findings to the director for such action as the director deems
4 appropriate.

5 (3) The committee shall report to the Legislative Assembly such findings
6 and recommendations as the committee considers appropriate, including a
7 report on the following matters:

8 (a) Decisions of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals that have sig-
9 nificant impact on the workers' compensation system.

10 (b) Adequacy of workers' compensation benefits.

11 (c) Medical and legal system costs.

12 (d) Adequacy of assessments for reserve programs and administrative
13 costs.

14 (e) The operation of programs funded by the Workers' Benefit Fund.

15 (4) The members of the committee shall be appointed for a term of [*two*]
16 **three** years and shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to
17 travel expenses. The committee may hire, subject to approval of the director,
18 such experts as it may require to discharge its duties. All expenses of the
19 committee shall be paid out of the Consumer and Business Services Fund.

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