

HB 4004 primary purpose is to update the child labor law violation penalties. A good idea. Returning expenses is a good idea. The problem is in Section 1 (5) in deleting the double jeopardy prevention clause. The Fifth Amendment prevention clause in ORS 653.370 is through the Oregon Revised Statute. Holding a person accountable is critical. However, having both the federal and state government both doing it double is unconstitutional. Why the original constitutional protection language was removed is a puzzle. The simple explanation of paying for government holds no constitutional merit. BOLI funding needs a better solution. Unfortunate no on HB 4004.