

WORKER PROTECTION



Workers' Memorial Scholarship Account



Increases the Workers' Memorial Scholarship Account, which awards scholarships to dependents or spouses of workers killed or permanently disabled on the job. ([SB 93](#))

Current cap
\$250,000

New cap
\$1 million

Permanent total disability benefits

Raises minimum and maximum benefit for workers receiving a permanent total disability award. ([HB 2337](#))

	Minimum	Maximum
Current	\$50 or 90% of worker's average weekly wage	100% of state average weekly wage
New	33% of state average weekly wage	133% of state average weekly wage

Workers' compensation death benefits

Increases the allowed age of dependents of a worker who died on the job and simplifies eligibility for benefits. ([HB 2338](#))

New safety positions 9

Nine OSHA safety and health inspectors and consultants. ([SB 5512](#))

Oregon OSHA penalties

Aligns Oregon OSHA's penalties to federal OSHA's, which results in higher maximum penalties for employers that violate safety and health laws. ([SB 92](#))

CONSUMER PROTECTION



Surprise billing

Bans billing consumers for amounts above what health insurance pays for, when the consumer is in an in-network facility but is treated by an out-of-network medical provider. ([HB 2339](#))

Mortgage loan servicers and debt buyers



Creates licensing systems for these two industries, allowing DCBS to set standards and take action to protect consumers. ([SB 98](#), [HB 2356](#))

Reproductive health



Requires insurers to cover specified health care services, drugs, devices, products, and procedures related to reproductive health at no cost to the consumer. ([HB 3391](#))

Securities professionals

Requires securities professionals to carry at least \$1 million in insurance to cover losses due to bad acts. ([SB 96](#))

Senior financial exploitation



Requires securities professionals to report to DCBS suspected cases of elder financial exploitation. ([SB 95](#))

Tiny homes

Creates construction standards for small home of 600 square feet or less. ([HB 2737](#))



Building Codes Division positions

10 new positions will help the division better serve the construction industry by providing inspection services, plan review, and code development. ([HB 5006](#))

HEALTH INSURANCE



Pay parity

Requires DCBS to study parity of insurer payments to mental health providers vs. physical health providers. ([SB 860](#))

Pharmacy benefit managers



Allows DCBS to deny pharmacy benefit manager registration or renewal and take action against them for conduct. ([HB 2388](#))

Health care cost review



Creates task force on health care cost review to study creating rate-setting process for hospitals. ([SB 419](#))

Reinsurance

Establishes Oregon Reinsurance Program to stabilize individual health insurance rates. ([HB 2391](#))