

2025 MLAC Work Plan Updated 11/07/2025

Topic	Task	Timeframe	Responsible	Outcome	Evaluation
Overarching Review of Worker Benefits - Subcommittee work	HB 3374 – issues to address: administrative burden, lack of providers (all providers or certain providers), access issues, systematic solutions, MCO's, Communications with workers	Completed*	MLAC/WCD/Stakeholders	Recommendation ltr	
	SB 705 – issues to address: temporary disability rates (66 2/3 time loss), and open ended time loss.		MLAC/WCD/Stakeholders	Recommendation ltr	
Workers' access to and understandability of information regarding workers' compensation	<p>Insurers fillable 801 and/or portal to injured worker website.</p> <p>Ombuds for Oregon Workers and Small Business to provide quarterly reports and videos w MLAC</p> <p>Off-site meetings only if coordinated with other community events.</p>	Ongoing	<p>MLAC/DCBS/WCD/ Insurers & TPAs</p> <p>Ombuds Office/WCD/DCBS</p> <p>Sept 15, Bend, OR, ASSP and Oregon OSHA</p>	<p>Insurer - Currently in practice</p> <p>Sept 15, Bend, OR</p>	
Focus group/listening tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending community events (OSHA safety Conference, Legue of Cities conference, OBI or Labor Union events) • Panel Discussions (injured workers, insurers, medical providers, employer representatives) • How do we get more workers to step forward and report? 	Ongoing	MLAC/DCBS/OSHA/WCD/ Stakeholders		

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Legislative session preparation	Evaluate for effectiveness	Ongoing	MLAC/DCBS/WCD	Reviewed 15 bills Approved 5 bills Moved 2 bills to subcommittee 4 bills became law MLAC co-chairs presented to House LWPB Sept 30 MLAC subcommittee co-chairs presented to Senate B&L	HB 2799 HB 2800 HB 2802 SB 904
Ongoing updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences annual report – they are partially funded with workers’ compensation (WBF) funds Board’s managing attorney brings to MLAC recent court cases and invites discussion and monthly newsletters. Report on firefighter cancer presumption from NIOSH (TBD) see MLAC letter from HB 4113 on presumption from the 2022 legislative session Annual Workers’ Benefit Fund report Biennial permanent partial disability report 	Annual Quarterly/ Monthly Waiting on report Annual Annual	MLAC/DCBS/WCD/OHSU MLAC/DAS/DCBS/WCD MLAC/DCBS/WCB/WCD MLAC/NIOSH/DCBS/WCD MLAC/DCBS/IT&R/WCD MLAC/DCBS/IT&R/WCD	Information Education/Training Education/Policy Education/Policy Education/Policy Education/Policy	

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Educational Topics	1. Annual Premium Assessment (PAOA) Rate Process	Upcoming	DCBS/WCD	Education/Training	
	2. Exclusive Remedy presentation		DCBS/WCD	Education/Policy	
	3. WBF presentation		DCBS/WCD	Education/Policy	
	4. Regulatory Tour – start to finish (Who should be in this tour – topics(?))				
	5. Healthcare Summit – access to care	Spring 2026			

***A healthcare Summit from the access to care subcommittee is being developed and is scheduled to take in spring 2026.**