

## MLAC Workplan List of Topics

02/27/2026

- **Overarching Review of Worker benefits**
- **Workers' access to and understandability of information re: workers' compensation**
  1. Insurers and TPA's fillable 801 and/or portal to injured worker website. *Insurer*
  2. Working with the Ombuds for Oregon Workers and Small Business to share videos and share quarterly reports. *Ongoing*
  3. Where are the information bottlenecks? Language barriers? Demographic data to help guide info bottlenecks (21-24%) ***Much discussion at the access to care subcommittee.***
  4. What are the problems? (Complaint box/Feedback) Length of forms are arduous. Possibly shorten and simplify the forms. ***Again, much discussion at the access to care subcommittee about the administrative burden to providers can be as much as 20%.***
  5. Consider the worker perspective. *Ongoing*
  6. MLAC/WCD Focus Groups
- **Ongoing intimidation of and retaliation against workers**
  1. Why do workers choose not enter the system? How do we get more workers educated about workers compensation?
  2. Ongoing education to address issues throughout a worker's tenure on a job – culture and practice
  3. Ombuds Office – Retaliation of Safety and WC, and SBO for small business – **videos**
  4. Training on what and when employers are required to provide to workers.
- **MLAC engage w community members**
- **Legislative session 2027 preparation**

### Other items:

- Ongoing updates and issues:
  1. Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences (Annual) – **October 2026**
  2. Board's managing attorney brings to MLAC recent court cases and invites discussion (quarterly) Board's newsletter (monthly)
  3. Open ended time loss change to ORS 656, need an LC/bill.
  4. Report on firefighter cancer presumption from NIOSH (TBD) see MLAC [letter from HB 4113](#) on presumption from the 2022 legislative session
  5. Annual Workers' Benefit Fund report (Annual) – **April 2026**
  6. Biennial permanent partial disability report (Annual) – **March/April 2027**
  7. Annual Premium Assessment (PAOA) Rate Process – **Oct./Nov. 2026**
- Educational sessions on topics as needed
  1. Regulatory Tour – Oregon OSHA **April 2026**, DFR **August 2026**
  2. Healthcare Summit – access to care – **2026**