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## **HB 2406-1**

### **Brief summary**

Removes outdated terminology for people with disabilities. The bill is sponsored by Disability Rights Oregon.

### **Analysis**

#### **What the law currently does**

Current law defines participants in some kinds of work experience programs, including programs for people with disabilities, including “persons with mental retardation,” as workers for the purposes of workers’ compensation law. By defining members of a group as workers, the entity employing them must cover them under their workers’ compensation policy.

#### **What will change if the bill is enacted**

HB 2406-1 replaces the phrase “persons with mental retardation” in the coverage law with the phrase “persons with intellectual disabilities”.

#### **Likely impacts, results, or consequences if the bill is enacted**

As amended, this bill is unlikely to have any impact on the workers’ compensation system.

### **Questions/relevant information for the bill sponsor or primary proponent**

None.

## Legislative history

### Has this bill been introduced in a prior session?

No    Yes   Years   Bill numbers

### Does this bill amend current state or federal law or programs?

No    Yes   Specify

This bill amends ORS 656.033.

### Is this bill related to a legal decision?

No    Yes   Case citation, AG opinion, date, etc.

### Should another DCBS division review this measure?

No    Yes   Divisions

## Other impacts

### Does this bill have a fiscal impact to DCBS?

No    Yes    Unknown   Explain

### Does this bill have an economic impact to stakeholders?

No    Yes    Unknown   Explain

## Sponsors

House Interim Committee on Business and Labor for Disability Rights Oregon

## Possible interested stakeholders

School districts and other entities that provide work experience programs; insurers

## Public policy topics

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