

**KATE BROWN
GOVERNOR**



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Worker's Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee
Department of Consumer and Business Services
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Salem, OR 97309

Dear Management and Labor Advisory Committee (MLAC) Chairs and Members:

Over the past month you've done an amazing amount of work to explore the impacts of COVID-19 on workers and employers in Oregon. Thank you for your fast work on this critical issue.

I am writing today to reiterate the timeliness of your discussions. The legislative body is looking to act on the issues that have arisen in the worker's compensation system due to COVID-19 and the Governor has asked you to engage the community and stakeholders on these issues so that MLAC's balanced approach could inform the legislative debate.

It is important that MLAC conclude its work using the original mid-July timeline to incorporate your findings in future legislative action.

I know that the Legislature is looking for your expertise and guidance on this issue, but time is running out. I am asking you to make sure that you wrap your deliberations and report your findings to the Governor's Office and the Legislature this week.

Sincerely,

Christian Gaston
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