



FIRE AND POLICE DISABILITY AND RETIREMENT City of Portland, Oregon



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The City of Portland's Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Plan (FPDR) provides disability benefits to the City of Portland's firefighters and police officers as they are considered nonsubject workers per ORS 656.027(6). Being nonsubject workers, they are not entitled to the heart/lung presumption benefits described in ORS 656.802(4). HB 2915, submitted during this legislative session, will extend these presumptive benefits to Portland firefighters and police officers.

FPDR supports HB 2915. However, FPDR recommends an amendment to the bill to address some confusing wording. The amendment should remove "and police officers" in Section 1 (4)(b) [page 2, line 26 of Introduced bill]. (See below) This change will clear up any confusion about police officers being covered by this presumption. I have received some questions from the Portland Police Bureau on this subject.

“(b) Notwithstanding ORS 656.027 (6), a city that provides a disability or retirement system for firefighters ~~and police officers~~ by ordinance or charter that is not subject to this chapter, when accepting and processing claims for death, disability or impairment of health from firefighters covered by the disability or retirement system, shall apply: (A) The provisions of this subsection; and (B) For claims filed under this subsection, the time limitations for filing claims that are set forth in ORS 656.807 (1) and (2).”

HB 2915 is a duplicate of HB 4062 submitted during the 2020 legislative session. We requested that HB 4062 to be amended and it was. [See 4062 A.](#)

If you have any questions, please call or email me.

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