

Workers' Compensation Board

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Re: Five-Year Review of OAR 438-015-0125

Under ORS 183.405, the Board is required to conduct a five-year review of any administrative rule adopted after 2005. Consistent with its statutory obligation, the Board is reviewing OAR 438-015-0125, which concerns the bifurcation of contested attorney fee awards from the underlying claim for cases at Board Review. A copy of the rule including its Order of Adoption and Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact are enclosed.

To assist in its review, the Board is seeking written comments from members of the advisory committee that assisted in developing the rule. Because you were a member of the advisory committee, the Board requests your response to the following questions:

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1. Did the rule achieve its intended effect?

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2. Was the anticipated fiscal impact of the rule underestimated or overestimated? (See enclosed "Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact.")

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3. Have any subsequent changes in the law required that the rule be repealed or amended?

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4. Is there continued need for the rule?

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5. What impacts has the rule had on small business?

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