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PERMANENT CHANGES TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD RULES

WCB Admin. Order 1-2026

Caption: Updating Workers' Compensation Board rule related to cost bill submissions.

The Workers' Compensation Board amends OAR 438-015-0019 (Cost Bill Procedures; Assessed Attorney Fees When the Claimant Finally Prevails in a Cost Bill Dispute).

Summary of changes:

- The time frame to submit the cost bill will be extended from 30 days to 60 days.
- Use of the Board's cost bill form will be mandatory.
- The cost bill form will be required to be submitted separately.
- The claimant's attorney may sign the cost bill form on the claimant's behalf.

At the Board's May 12, 2026, meeting, the Members voted to propose to amend the rule as recommended by staff in Exhibit B of a memo dated May 5, 2026. Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, including hearing notice and Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact, was filed with the Secretary of State on June 15, 2026, and published in the July Oregon Bulletin. In addition, notice was sent to interested persons and legislators in accordance with OAR 438-022-0010 and published on the Board's website.

A public hearing was held on July 22, 2026. No public comments were received at the hearing.

The deadline for written comments was August 5, 2026, at 5 p.m. One written comment was received from SAIF Corporation.

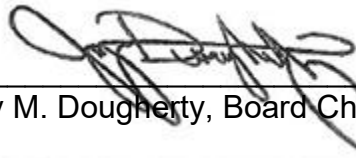
At the Board's August 6, 2026, meeting, the Members considered SAIF's written comment and voted to adopt the rule as proposed. The amended rule will be effective October 1, 2026, to apply to cost bills submitted on and after October 1, 2026.

The Board approves the permanent rule to be filed with the Secretary of State in the Oregon Administrative Rules database (OARD).

The full text of the permanent rule is available on the Board's website at <https://www.oregon.gov/wcb/legal/Pages/laws-and-rules.aspx>.

Questions about this rulemaking can be directed to Autumn Blake, rules coordinator, at 503-934-0123 or autumn.k.blake@wcb.oregon.gov.

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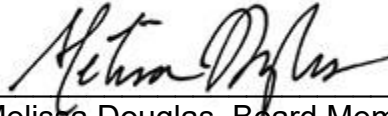
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