

Secretary of State
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARING

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Dept. of Consumer and Business Services,
Workers' Compensation Board

OAR Chapter 438

Agency and Division

Administrative Rules Chapter Number

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RULE CAPTION

Amending OAR 438-015 regarding the Board's email addresses and the Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers.

Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.

May 27, 2022

10 a.m.

By Telephone Conference

Lauren Eldridge

Hearing Date

Time

Location

Hearings Officer

Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request.

RULEMAKING ACTION

ADOPT:

AMEND: OAR 438-005-0046, OAR 438-005-0050(2), OAR 438-005-0055, OAR 438-007-0020, OAR 438-009-0010, OAR 438-009-0022

REPEAL:

RENUMBER:

AMEND & RENUMBER:

Stat. Auth.: ORS 656.726(5).

Other Auth.:

Stats. Implemented: ORS 656.726(5).

RULE SUMMARY

The Board's email addresses have changed. Accordingly, the Board proposes amending its permanent rules to replace its previous email addresses with the current addresses. Additionally, the office of the Ombudsman for Injured Workers has changed its name to the Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers. In response, the Board proposes amending its permanent rules to replace references to the Ombudsman for Injured Workers with the Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers.

Request for public comment: The Board requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business. The Board further requests public comment on the effective date of those amendments that affect the mandatory language included in notices of acceptance and denial and in Disputed Claim Settlements and Claim Disposition Agreements.

Pending the hearing, written comments regarding these rules may be submitted for admission into the record by directing such comments by mail, FAX (503-373-1684), or e-mail (rulecomments.wcb@wcb.oregon.gov). The comments may be addressed to the attention of Lauren Eldridge, Rulemaking Hearing Officer, Workers' Compensation Board, 2601 25th St. SE, Ste. 150, Salem, OR 97302-1280. The hearing will be conducted via telephone conference. Instructions for attending the hearing and providing testimony will be posted on the Board's website.

May 27, 2022

Last Day for Public Comment (Last day to submit written comments to the Rulemaking Hearings Officer)



Constance L. Wold

04/5/2022

Signature

Printed name

Date