

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	10 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barton, Cameron, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Witt, Schaufler
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/2, 3/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows the Department of Consumer and Business Services to increase the maximum amount of revenues from civil penalties assessed for violations of occupational safety or health statutes that may be credited to the Workers' Memorial Scholarship Account from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Overview of Workers' Memorial Scholarship program
- Support of the program
- Timing of the measure with current state of the economy
- Number of Oregon workers who died on the job in 2008

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Changes the bill from being mandatory to being permissive in regards to increasing the maximum amount that can be credited to the Workers' Memorial Scholarship Account.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA) Workers' Memorial Scholarship is open to any high school graduate, graduating high school senior, General Education Development (GED) recipient, current college undergraduate or graduate student. Eligible applicants must be Oregon residents who are either currently receiving or have received fatality benefits due to being a dependent or spouse of an Oregon worker who was either fatally injured on the job or incurred permanent total disability while on the job and the claim for workers' compensation benefits has been accepted. Scholarship funds are available for use at colleges within the United States.

Funds for the scholarship are generated through interest earned from OR-OSHA civil penalties and deposited into the Workers' Memorial Scholarship Account, which is established within the Consumer and Business Services Fund.