## 75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2707 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Witt

House Committee on Business and Labor

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 9 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Edwards C., Esquivel, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Witt, Schaufler

Nays: 0 Exc.: Holvey

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/13, 4/24

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires receipt of verifiable documentation of wages received from all subject employers of injured worker to establish eligibility for supplemental temporary disability benefits. Instructs the Department of Consumer and Business Services to adopt rules for payment and reimbursement of supplemental temporary disability benefits.

## ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Circumstances in which injured worker receives more income via a workers' compensation claim than being on the job
- Level of support from the Management-Labor Advisory Committee (MLAC)

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Clarifies a 60-day timeframe for a worker to provide to the insurer, self-insured employer, or assigned claims agent for a non-complying employer verifiable documentation of wages from additional employment.

**BACKGROUND:** HB 2707-A addresses the issue of injured workers who have more than one job and need to establish eligibility for supplemental temporary disability benefits. Prior to this measure, it was determined that some injured workers in this capacity received more money through benefits than prior to injury. This runs afoul of the intent of supplemental disability benefits (making an injured worker "whole").

The measure provides timeframes for injured workers to provide documentation of wages to the workers' compensation insurer, self-insured employer, or assigned claims agent for a non-complying employer.