Senate Bill 50

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Sets uniform deadline of 180 days for notices of claim made on contractor's payment bond in connection with work performed on public contract.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to deadlines for notices of claim on contractor's payment bonds; creating new provisions; amending ORS 279C.605; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 279C.605 is amended to read:

279C.605. (1) The notice of claim required by ORS 279C.600 must be sent by registered or certified mail or hand delivered no later than [120] 180 days after the day the person last provided labor or furnished materials or [120] 180 days after the worker listed in the notice of claim by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries last provided labor. The notice may be sent or delivered to the contractor or subcontractor at any place the contractor or subcontractor maintains an office or conducts business or at the residence of the contractor or subcontractor.

[(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if the claim is for a required contribution to a fund of any employee benefit plan, the notice required by ORS 279C.600 must be sent or delivered within 150 days after the employee last provided labor or materials.]

[(3)] (2) The notice must be in writing substantially as follows:

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To (here insert the name of the contractor or subcontractor and the name of the public body):

Notice hereby is given that the undersigned (here insert the name of the claimant) has a claim for (here insert a brief description of the labor or materials performed or furnished and the person by whom performed or furnished; if the claim is for other than labor or materials, insert a brief description of the claim) in the sum of (here insert the amount) dollars against the (here insert public works bond or payment bond, as applicable) taken from (here insert the name of the principal and, if known, the surety or sureties upon the public works bond or payment bond) for the work of (here insert a brief description of the work concerning which the public works bond or payment bond was taken). Such material or labor was supplied to (here insert the name of the contractor or subcontractor).

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(here to be signed)

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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[(4)] (3) When notice of claim is given by the commissioner and if the claim includes a worker who is then unidentified, the commissioner shall include in the notice a statement that the claim includes an unidentified worker for whom the commissioner has received information indicating that the worker has not been paid in full at the prevailing rate of wage required by ORS 279C.840 or overtime wages required by ORS 279C.540.

[(5)] (4) The person making the claim or giving the notice shall sign the notice.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 279C.605 by section 1 of this 2009 Act apply to notices of claim sent in connection with public contracts first advertised or, if not advertised, entered into on or after the effective date of this 2009 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect on its passage.