

House Bill 2207

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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**.

Requires payment of state payroll to be made through direct electronic deposit. Requires itemized statement of payroll deductions to be provided to state officer or employee at electronic mail address provided by recipient.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to payment of state payroll; amending ORS 292.026, 292.032, 292.033, 652.110 and 652.610.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 292.026 is amended to read:

5 292.026. (1) After preparation of the payroll, the aggregate amount as prescribed by ORS 292.024
6 shall be deposited in the Joint Payroll Account. The Oregon Department of Administrative Services
7 may issue [*checks*] **payment** in the proper amount even though reimbursement funds payable to the
8 Joint Payroll Account are not available on the date of issuance. The [*checks*] **payments** shall be
9 drawn on the State Treasurer and be payable from the Joint Payroll Account. The [*checks*] **pay-**
10 **ments** shall be issued to:

11 (a) The officers and employees of the state agency who are entitled to receive payments under
12 the payroll as allowed by the department.

13 (b) The persons, public or private, including persons responsible for holding or investing an of-
14 ficer or employee's individual retirement account, section 408, Internal Revenue Code of 1954, in
15 effect on January 1, 1987, entitled to receive the authorized employee deductions under the payroll
16 as allowed by the department.

17 (c) Banks, savings and loan associations or credit unions, including persons responsible for
18 holding or investing an officer or employee's individual retirement account entitled to receive direct
19 deposit of payroll [*checks*] **payments** as preauthorized by **the officer or** employee.

20 **(2)(a) An officer or employee paid under the state payroll system shall receive payment**
21 **of net salary and wages through direct electronic deposit to a financial institution specified**
22 **by the officer or employee. If the officer or employee does not specify a financial institution**
23 **to receive the direct electronic deposit, the net salary and wages shall be credited to a**
24 **bank-issued payroll card.**

25 **(b) The department shall send itemized statements of payroll deductions by electronic**
26 **mail to the address provided by the recipient. The recipient shall update the electronic mail**
27 **address as necessary.**

28 [(2)] **(3) [*Checks*] Payments** issued under subsection (1)(b) or (c) of this section may be for the
29 aggregate amount due under the payroll to the person, public or private, entitled to receive the
30 money [*or the department may utilize an automatic or electronic transfer of funds system authorized*

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.

1 *by the State Treasurer's office in lieu of issuing checks*]. The department may, where monthly pay-
 2 ments are not required, issue [*checks*] **payments** less frequently than monthly to the persons, public
 3 or private, entitled to receive payments under subsection (1)(b) of this section.

4 **SECTION 2.** ORS 292.032 is amended to read:

5 292.032. [*Checks*] **Records of payments** issued under ORS 292.026, after [*having*] **the payments**
 6 **have** been paid, shall be filed with the chief administrative officer of the state agency. Unpresented
 7 [*checks*] **payroll cards** shall be treated as [*are*] unpresented checks under ORS 293.450 to 293.460.

8 **SECTION 3.** ORS 292.033 is amended to read:

9 292.033. (1) As used in this section:

10 (a) "Regular salary advance" means any portion of the accrued salary or wages payable to an
 11 officer or employee who has filed a written request for the approval of such advance with the ad-
 12 ministrative head of the state agency by which the employee is employed.

13 (b) "State agency" means a state agency using the procedure provided in ORS 292.010 to 292.036.

14 (c) "Terminal salary or wages" means the salary or wages payable to an officer or employee
 15 who is terminating the office or employment with the state and includes cash payments made in lieu
 16 of accrued vacation time.

17 (2) Where a state agency does not have an alternative procedure for advances of regular salary
 18 or wages or terminal salary or wages, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services may make
 19 advances of regular salary or wages or terminal salary or wages to an officer or employee of a state
 20 agency by [*check*] **payments made as provided under ORS 292.026 and** drawn on the Joint Payroll
 21 Account. The provisions of ORS 292.032 apply to such [*checks*] **payments**. The department shall re-
 22 quire the officer or employee to whom the advance is made to execute an assignment of regular
 23 salary or wages or terminal salary or wages in the amount of the advancement. The assignment
 24 shall be made to the department. The assignment shall have priority over any other claims against
 25 the regular salary or wages or terminal salary or wages owed to the officer or employee by the
 26 state. The department shall withhold the amount specified in the assignment from the next salaries
 27 or wages or the terminal salary or wages payable to such officer or employee, and the amount so
 28 withheld shall be credited to the Joint Payroll Account in payment of the advance made under this
 29 section.

30 **SECTION 4.** ORS 652.110 is amended to read:

31 652.110. (1) A person engaged in any business or enterprise of any kind in this state may not
 32 issue, in payment of or as evidence of indebtedness for wages due an employee, any order, check,
 33 memorandum or other instrument of indebtedness unless the instrument is negotiable and payable
 34 without discount in cash on demand at some bank or other established place of business in the
 35 county where the employee lives or works and where a sufficient amount of funds have been pro-
 36 vided and are or will be available for the payment of the instrument when due. The person shall,
 37 upon presentation and demand, pay the instrument in lawful money of the United States.

38 (2) This section does not in any way limit or interfere with the right of any employee to accept
 39 from any person, as an evidence or acknowledgment of indebtedness for wages due the employee, a
 40 negotiable instrument, payable at some future date with interest.

41 (3) **Except as provided in ORS 292.026**, an employer and an employee may agree to authorize
 42 the employer to deposit without discount wages due the employee in the employee's account in a
 43 financial institution, as defined in ORS 706.008, in this state.

44 (4) **Except as provided in ORS 292.026**, an employer and an employee may agree that the em-
 45 ployer may pay wages through a direct deposit system, automated teller machine card, payroll card

1 or other means of electronic transfer if the employee may:

2 (a) Make an initial withdrawal of the entire amount of net pay without cost to the employee;

3 or

4 (b) Choose to use another means of payment of wages that involves no cost to the employee.

5 (5) An agreement described in subsection (4) of this section must be made in the language that
6 the employer principally uses to communicate with the employee.

7 (6)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, to revoke an agreement described
8 in subsection (4) of this section, an employee shall give the employer a written notice of revocation
9 of the agreement. Unless the employer and employee agree otherwise, the agreement is revoked 30
10 days after the date the notice is received by the employer.

11 (b) To revoke an agreement described in subsection (4) of this section, an employee who works
12 for an employer as a seasonal farmworker as defined in ORS 652.145 or an employee who is em-
13 ployed in packing, canning, freezing or drying any variety of agricultural crops shall give the em-
14 ployer notice of revocation of the agreement either orally or in writing. Unless the employer and
15 the employee agree otherwise, the agreement is revoked 10 days after the date the notice is received
16 by the employer.

17 **SECTION 5.** ORS 652.610 is amended to read:

18 652.610. (1) All persons, firms, partnerships, associations, cooperative associations, corporations,
19 municipal corporations, the state and its political subdivisions, except the federal government and
20 its agencies, employing, in this state, during any calendar month one or more persons, and with-
21 holding for any purpose any sum of money from the wages, salary or commission earned by an em-
22 ployee, shall provide the employee on regular paydays with a statement sufficiently itemized to show
23 the amount and purpose of the deductions made during the respective period of service that the
24 payment covers.

25 (2)(a) The itemized statement shall be [*furnished*] **provided** to the employee at the time payment
26 of wages, salary or commission is made[, *and*].

27 (b) **The statement** may be attached to or be a part of the check, draft, voucher or other in-
28 strument by which payment is made, or may be delivered separately from the instrument.

29 (c) **The statement shall be provided at the time payment is made to all state officers and**
30 **employees paid electronically under the state payroll system as provided by ORS 292.026 to**
31 **an electronic mail address provided by the recipient.**

32 (3) An employer may not withhold, deduct or divert any portion of an employee's wages unless:

33 (a) The employer is required to do so by law;

34 (b) The deductions are authorized in writing by the employee, are for the employee's benefit and
35 are recorded in the employer's books;

36 (c) The employee has voluntarily signed an authorization for a deduction for any other item,
37 provided that the ultimate recipient of the money withheld is not the employer and that the de-
38 duction is recorded in the employer's books;

39 (d) The deduction is authorized by a collective bargaining agreement to which the employer is
40 a party;

41 (e) The deduction is authorized under ORS 18.736; or

42 (f) The deduction is made from the payment of wages upon termination of employment and is
43 authorized pursuant to a written agreement between the employee and employer for the repayment
44 of a loan made to the employee by the employer, if all of the following conditions are met:

45 (A) The employee has voluntarily signed the agreement;

1 (B) The loan was paid to the employee in cash or other medium permitted by ORS 652.110;

2 (C) The loan was made solely for the employee's benefit and was not used, either directly or
3 indirectly, for any purpose required by the employer or connected with the employee's employment
4 with the employer;

5 (D) The amount of the deduction at termination of employment does not exceed the amount
6 permitted to be garnished under ORS 18.385; and

7 (E) The deduction is recorded in the employer's books.

8 (4) When an employer deducts an amount from an employee's wages as required or authorized
9 by law or agreement, the employer shall pay the amount deducted to the appropriate recipient as
10 required by the law or agreement. The employer shall pay the amount deducted within the time re-
11 quired by the law or the agreement or, if the time for payment is not specified by the law or
12 agreement, within seven days after the date the wages from which the deductions are made are due.
13 Failure to pay the amount as required constitutes an unlawful deduction.

14 (5) This section does not:

15 (a) Prohibit the withholding of amounts authorized in writing by the employee to be contributed
16 by the employee to charitable organizations, including contributions made pursuant to ORS 243.666
17 and 663.110;

18 (b) Prohibit deductions by checkoff dues to labor organizations or service fees when the de-
19 ductions are not otherwise prohibited by law; or

20 (c) Diminish or enlarge the right of any person to assert and enforce a lawful setoff or
21 counterclaim or to attach, take, reach or apply an employee's compensation on due legal process.

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