

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2005**

- 1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “ORS” insert “653.256 and”.
- 2 Delete lines 4 through 28 and delete pages 2 through 7 and insert:
- 3 **“SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 16 of this 2015 Act are added to and made**
- 4 **a part of ORS chapter 653.**
- 5 **“SECTION 2. As used in sections 2 to 16 of this 2015 Act:**
- 6 **“(1)(a) ‘Employee’ means:**
- 7 **“(A) An individual who renders personal services at a fixed rate to**
- 8 **an employer if the employer either pays or agrees to pay for personal**
- 9 **services or permits the individual to perform personal services; and**
- 10 **“(B) Who works regularly works at least 25 hours per work week.**
- 11 **“(b) ‘Employee’ includes, but is not limited to:**
- 12 **“(A) An individual who is paid on the basis of the number of oper-**
- 13 **ations accomplished or quantity produced or handled;**
- 14 **“(B) Individuals paid on a salary or commission basis; and**
- 15 **“(C) Home care workers as defined in ORS 410.600.**
- 16 **“(b) ‘Employee’ does not include:**
- 17 **“(A) An employee who receives paid sick time under federal law;**
- 18 **“(B) An independent contractor;**
- 19 **“(C) A participant in a work training program administered under**
- 20 **a state or federal assistance program;**
- 21 **“(D) A participant in a work-study program that provides students**
- 22 **in secondary or post-secondary educational institutions with employ-**

1 **ment opportunities for financial or vocational training;**

2 **“(E) A railroad worker exempted under the federal Railroad Unem-**
3 **ployment Insurance Act; and**

4 **“(F) An individual employed by that individual’s parent, spouse or**
5 **child.**

6 **“(G) Seasonal workers, including, but not limited to, workers em-**
7 **ployed in temporary employment as described in ORS 658.185 (1)(b) and**
8 **seasonal farmworkers as defined in ORS 652.145 (2).**

9 **“(H) Individuals employed in agricultural businesses.**

10 **“(2)(a) ‘Employer’ means any person that employs another person,**
11 **the State of Oregon or a political subdivision of the state and any**
12 **county, city, district, authority, public corporation or entity and any**
13 **instrumentality thereof organized and existing under law or charter.**

14 **“(b) ‘Employer’ does not include the federal government.**

15 **“(3) ‘Family member’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**
16 **659A.150.**

17 **“(4) ‘Paid sick time’ means time off:**

18 **“(a) That is provided to an employee by an employer that employs**
19 **25 or more employees;**

20 **“(b) That may be used for the purposes specified in section 6 of this**
21 **2015 Act; and**

22 **“(c) That is compensated at the regular rate of pay and without**
23 **reductions in benefits, including but not limited to health care bene-**
24 **fits, that the employee earns from the employer at the time the em-**
25 **ployee uses the paid sick time.**

26 **“(5) ‘Sick time’ means time during which an employee is permitted**
27 **to be absent from work for a reason authorized under section 6 of this**
28 **2015 Act.**

29 **“(6) ‘Year’ includes any consecutive 12-month period, such as a**
30 **calendar year, a tax year, a fiscal year, a contract year or the**

1 12-month period beginning on the anniversary of the date of employ-
2 ment of the employee.

3 **“SECTION 3. (1)(a) Employers who employ at least 25 employees**
4 **shall implement a sick time policy that allows an employee to earn**
5 **and use up to 40 hours of paid sick time per year. Paid sick time shall**
6 **accrue at the rate of at least one hour of paid sick time for every 40**
7 **hours the employee works.**

8 **“(b) Employers who employ fewer than 25 employees shall imple-**
9 **ment a sick time policy that allows an employee to earn and use up**
10 **to 40 hours of unpaid sick time per year. Unpaid sick time shall accrue**
11 **at the rate of at least one hour of unpaid sick time for every 40 hours**
12 **the employee works.**

13 **“(2) An employee shall begin to earn and accrue sick time on the**
14 **first day of employment with an employer. The employee may carry**
15 **over up to 40 hours of unused sick time from one year to a subsequent**
16 **year. However, an employer may adopt a policy that limits:**

17 **“(a) An employee to accruing no more than 80 hours of sick time;**
18 **or**

19 **“(b) The use of sick time by an employee to no more than 40 hours**
20 **of sick time in a year.**

21 **“(3)(a) An employer is not required to carry over unused sick time**
22 **if, by mutual consent, the employer and the employee agree that:**

23 **“(A) If the employer has 25 or more employees, the employee will**
24 **be paid for all unused paid sick time at the end of the year in which**
25 **the sick time is accrued and the employer will credit the employee**
26 **with an amount of paid sick time that meets the requirements of this**
27 **section on the first day of the immediately subsequent year; or**

28 **“(B) If the employer has fewer than 25 employees, the employer will**
29 **credit the employee with an amount of sick time that meets the re-**
30 **quirements of this section on the first day of the immediately subse-**

1 **quent year.**

2 **“(b) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall**
3 **adopt rules for the determination of the number of employees em-**
4 **ployed by an employer.**

5 **“(4)(a) An employee is eligible to use sick time beginning on the**
6 **181st calendar day of employment with the employer and may use sick**
7 **time as it is accrued.**

8 **“(b) An employer may authorize an employee to use accrued sick**
9 **time prior to the 181st calendar day of employment.**

10 **“(c)(A) An employer that employs 25 or more employees shall pay**
11 **an employee for accrued sick time used at the regular rate of pay of**
12 **the employee.**

13 **“(B) For an employee employed on a commission or piece rate basis**
14 **by an employer that employs 25 or more employees, the employer shall**
15 **pay the employee for accrued sick time used at a regular rate of pay**
16 **of at least the minimum wage specified in ORS 653.025.**

17 **“(5) An employee who is exempt from overtime requirements under**
18 **29 U.S.C. 213(a)(1) of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 is**
19 **presumed to work 40 hours in each workweek for the purpose of ac-**
20 **crual of sick time unless the actual workweek of the employee is less**
21 **than 40 hours, in which case sick time accrues based on the actual**
22 **workweek of the employee.**

23 **“(6) Nothing in sections 2 to 16 of this 2015 Act requires an employer**
24 **to compensate an employee for accrued unused sick time upon the**
25 **employee’s termination, resignation, retirement or other separation**
26 **from employment.**

27 **“(7) An employer may not require an employee to:**

28 **“(a) Search for or find a replacement worker as a condition of the**
29 **employee’s use of accrued sick time; or**

30 **“(b) Work an alternate shift to make up for the use of sick time.**

1 **“(8) Upon mutual consent by the employee and the employer, an**
2 **employee may work additional hours or shifts to compensate for hours**
3 **or shifts during which the employee was absent from work without**
4 **using accrued sick time for the hours or shifts missed. However, the**
5 **employer may not require the employee to work additional hours or**
6 **shifts authorized by this subsection. If the employee works additional**
7 **hours or shifts, the employer must comply with any applicable federal,**
8 **state or local laws regarding overtime pay.**

9 **“(9) An employee retains accrued sick time if the employer sells,**
10 **transfers or otherwise assigns the business or an interest in the busi-**
11 **ness to another employer.**

12 **“(10)(a) An employer shall restore previously accrued unused sick**
13 **time to an employee who is reemployed by that employer within 180**
14 **days of separation from employment with the employer.**

15 **“(b) If an employee leaves employment with an employer before the**
16 **91st day of employment and subsequently is reemployed by that em-**
17 **ployer within 180 days of separation from employment, the employer**
18 **shall restore the accrued sick time balance the employee had when the**
19 **employee left the employment of the employer and the employee may**
20 **use accrued sick time after the combined total of days of employment**
21 **with the employer exceeds 180 calendar days.**

22 **“(11) If an employee is transferred to a separate division, entity or**
23 **location of the employer but remains employed by that same employer,**
24 **the employee is entitled to use all sick time accrued while working at**
25 **the former division, entity or location of the employer and is entitled**
26 **to retain or use all sick time as provided by sections 2 to 16 of this 2015**
27 **Act.**

28 **“SECTION 4. (1) An employer with a sick leave policy, paid vacation**
29 **policy, paid personal time off policy or other paid time off program**
30 **that provides employees with paid time off that meets or exceeds the**

1 requirements of this section shall be deemed to be in compliance with
2 the requirements of sections 2 to 16 of this 2015 Act.

3 “(2) An employer with an existing policy for paid sick time, paid
4 vacation leave, paid personal time off or other paid time off is not
5 required to provide additional paid sick time if:

6 “(a) The policy or combination of policies allows the use of 40 hours
7 of paid or unpaid leave for the same purposes as sick time specified in
8 section 6 of this 2015 Act; and

9 “(b) The employer specifies that the protections against retaliation
10 established by section 11 of this 2015 Act are applicable to the em-
11 ployee.

12 “(3) If an employee of an employer that has an existing policy for
13 paid sick time, paid vacation leave, paid personal time off or other paid
14 time off programs has exhausted all paid and unpaid leave available
15 to the employee, the employer is not obligated to provide additional
16 leave for paid or unpaid sick time as required by sections 2 to 16 of this
17 2015 Act. However, the employer may be obligated to provide paid or
18 unpaid sick time by federal or state law that provides for paid or un-
19 paid leave for similar purposes.

20 “SECTION 5. Notwithstanding section 3 (4) of this 2015 Act, an
21 employee who is employed by an employer on the effective date of this
22 2015 Act is eligible to use any accrued sick time as it accrues on or
23 after the effective date of this 2015 Act.

24 “SECTION 6. An employee may use sick time earned under section
25 3 of this 2015 Act in hourly increments:

26 “(1) For an employee’s mental or physical illness, injury or health
27 condition, need for medical diagnosis, care or treatment of a mental
28 or physical illness, injury or health condition or need for preventive
29 medical care.

30 “(2) For care of a family member with a mental or physical illness,

1 **injury or health condition, care of a family member who needs medical**
2 **diagnosis, care, or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury or**
3 **health condition or care of a family member who needs preventive**
4 **medical care.**

5 **“(3) Notwithstanding ORS 659A.153, for any other purpose specified**
6 **in ORS 659A.159.**

7 **“(4) For a purpose specified in ORS 659A.272, notwithstanding ORS**
8 **659A.270 (1).**

9 **“(5) To donate accrued sick time to another employee if the other**
10 **employee uses the donated sick time for a purpose specified in this**
11 **section and the employer has a policy that allows an employee to do-**
12 **nate sick time to a coworker for a purpose specified in this section.**

13 **“(6) In the event of a public health emergency. For purposes of this**
14 **subsection, a public health emergency includes, but is not limited to:**

15 **“(a) Closure of the employee’s place of business, or the school or**
16 **place of care of the employee’s child, by order of a public official due**
17 **to a public health emergency;**

18 **“(b) A determination by a lawful public health authority or by a**
19 **health care provider that the presence of the employee or the family**
20 **member of the employee in the community would jeopardize the health**
21 **of others, such that the employee must provide self care or care for**
22 **the family member; and**

23 **“(c) The exclusion of the employee from the workplace under any**
24 **law or rule that requires the employer to exclude the employee from**
25 **the workplace for health reasons.**

26 **“SECTION 7. (1)(a) Upon request of an employee with accrued sick**
27 **time available, an employer must allow the employee to use sick time.**
28 **If possible, the employee shall include the anticipated duration of the**
29 **sick time requested in the request.**

30 **“(b) Sick time earned under section 3 of this 2015 Act shall be taken**

1 in hourly increments.

2 “(2) An employer may require the employee to comply with the
3 employer’s usual and customary notice and procedural requirements
4 for absences or for requesting time off if those requirements do not
5 interfere with the ability of the employee to use sick time.

6 “(3) If the need to use sick time is foreseeable:

7 “(a) The employer may require reasonable advance notice of the
8 employee’s intention to use sick time, not to exceed 10 days prior to
9 the date the sick time is to begin or as soon as otherwise practicable;
10 and

11 “(b) The employee shall make a reasonable attempt to schedule the
12 use of sick time in a manner that does not unduly disrupt the oper-
13 ations of the employer.

14 “(4) If the need to use sick time is unforeseeable, the employee shall
15 provide notice to the employer as soon as practicable and must comply
16 generally with the employer’s notice or procedural requirements for
17 requesting or reporting other time off if those requirements do not
18 interfere with the ability of the employee to use sick time.

19 “SECTION 8. (1)(a) If an employee takes more than three consec-
20 utive scheduled work days of sick time for a purpose described in
21 section 6 (1) to (4) of this 2015 Act, an employer may require the em-
22 ployee to provide verification from a health care provider of the need
23 for the sick time, or certification of the need for leave for purposes
24 of ORS 659A.272 as provided in ORS 659A.280.

25 “(b) If the need for sick time is foreseeable and is projected to last
26 more than three scheduled work days and an employee is required to
27 provide notice under section 7 of this 2015 Act, the employer may re-
28 quire that verification or certification be provided before the sick time
29 commences or as soon as otherwise practicable.

30 “(c) If the employee commences sick time without providing prior

1 notice required by the employer under section 7 of this 2015 Act:

2 “(A) Medical verification shall be provided to the employer within
3 15 calendar days after the employer requests the verification; or

4 “(B) Certification provided as specified in ORS 659A.280 shall be
5 provided to the employer within a reasonable time after the employee
6 receives the request for certification.

7 “(2) The employer shall pay any reasonable costs for providing
8 medical verification or certification required under this section, in-
9 cluding lost wages, that are not paid under a health benefit plan in
10 which the employee is enrolled.

11 “(3)(a) An employer may not require that the verification or certi-
12 fication required under this section explain the nature of the illness
13 or details related to the domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment,
14 or stalking that necessitates the use of sick time.

15 “(b) If an employer suspects that an employee is abusing sick time,
16 including engaging in a pattern of abuse, the employer may require
17 verification from a health care provider of the need of the employee
18 to use sick time, regardless of whether the employee has used sick
19 time for more than three consecutive days. As used in this paragraph,
20 ‘pattern of abuse’ includes, but is not limited to, repeated use of un-
21 scheduled sick time on or adjacent to weekends, holidays, vacation
22 days or paydays.

23 “(4) As used in this section, ‘health care provider’ has the meaning
24 given that term in ORS 659A.150.

25 **“SECTION 9. (1) An employer shall:**

26 **“(a) Provide written notification at least quarterly to each employee**
27 **of the amount of accrued and unused sick time available for use by**
28 **the employee. Inclusion of the amount of accrued and used sick time**
29 **on the statement required under ORS 652.610 meets the requirements**
30 **of this paragraph.**

1 **“(b) Provide written notice of the requirements of sections 2 to 16**
2 **of this 2015 Act to each employee in accordance with rules adopted by**
3 **the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries.**

4 **“(2) The notices provided under this section must be in the language**
5 **the employer typically uses to communicate with the employee.**

6 **“(3) The Bureau of Labor and Industries shall make available to**
7 **employers a template that meets the required notice provisions of this**
8 **section.**

9 **“(4) Health information of an employee related to sick time is con-**
10 **fidential and may not be released without the permission of the em-**
11 **ployee. Information pertaining to leave under ORS 659A.272 that is**
12 **provided by an employee in accordance with sections 2 to 16 of this**
13 **2015 Act is confidential as provided in ORS 659A.280.**

14 **“SECTION 10. Sections 2 to 16 of this 2015 Act establish minimum**
15 **requirements pertaining to sick time and may not be construed to**
16 **preempt, limit or otherwise affect the applicability of any employer**
17 **policy, standard or collective bargaining agreement that provides for**
18 **greater use of paid or unpaid sick time.**

19 **“SECTION 11. It is an unlawful practice for an employer or any**
20 **other person to:**

21 **“(1) Deny, interfere with, restrain or fail to pay for sick time to**
22 **which an employee is entitled under sections 2 to 16 of this 2015 Act;**

23 **“(2) Retaliate or in any way discriminate against an employee with**
24 **respect to any term or condition of employment because the employee**
25 **has inquired about the provisions of sections 2 to 16 of this 2015 Act,**
26 **submitted a request for sick time, taken sick time, participated in any**
27 **manner in an investigation, proceeding or hearing related to sections**
28 **2 to 16 of this 2015 Act, or invoked any provision of sections 2 to 16**
29 **of this 2015 Act; or**

30 **“(3) Apply an absence control policy that includes sick time ab-**

1 sences covered under sections 2 to 16 of this 2015 Act as an absence
2 that may lead to or result in an adverse employment action against
3 the employee.

4 **“SECTION 12. (1) The requirements of sections 2 to 16 of this 2015
5 Act do not apply to an employee:**

6 **“(a) Whose terms and conditions of employment are covered by a
7 collective bargaining agreement;**

8 **“(b) Who is employed through a hiring hall or similar referral sys-
9 tem operated by the labor organization or a third party; and**

10 **“(c) Whose employment-related benefits are provided by a joint
11 multi-employer-employee trust or benefit plan.**

12 **“(2)(a) The Home Care Commission created under ORS 410.602 shall
13 establish a paid sick time policy for consumer employed home care
14 workers.**

15 **“(b) A policy for paid sick time for consumer employed home care
16 workers implemented by the Home Care Commission that allows an
17 eligible home care worker to accrue and use up to 40 hours of paid
18 time off a year, including but not limited to sick time, is deemed to
19 meet the requirements of sections 2 to 16 of this 2015 Act and is ex-
20 empt from the provisions of sections 2 (4), 3 (4), 4, 7, 8 and 9 of this
21 2015 Act.**

22 **“(3) As used in this section, ‘consumer employed home care
23 worker’ has the meaning given the term ‘home care worker’ in ORS
24 410.600.**

25 **“SECTION 13. (1) An employee asserting a violation of section 11
26 (2) or (3) of this 2015 Act may file a complaint with the Commissioner
27 of the Bureau of Labor and Industries under ORS 659A.820 or a civil
28 action as provided in ORS 659A.885.**

29 **“(2) The commissioner has the same enforcement powers with re-
30 spect to the rights established under sections 2 to 16 of this 2015 Act**

1 as are established in ORS chapters 652 and 653.

2 **“SECTION 14. The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and In-**
3 **dustries:**

4 **“(1) Shall enforce the provisions of sections 2 to 16 of this 2015 Act;**
5 **and**

6 **“(2) May adopt rules necessary for the implementation and**
7 **enforcement of sections 2 to 16 of this 2015 Act.**

8 **“SECTION 15. The State of Oregon preempts all charter and statu-**
9 **tory authority of local governments as defined in ORS 174.116 to set**
10 **any sick leave requirements.**

11 **“SECTION 16. If any provision or application of sections 2 to 16 of**
12 **this 2015 Act is determined to be invalid, the remaining provisions re-**
13 **main in force and have full effect, and the invalid provisions are de-**
14 **clared severable.**

15 **“SECTION 17. ORS 653.256 is amended to read:**

16 **“653.256. (1) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, the Com-**
17 **missioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may assess a civil penalty**
18 **not to exceed \$1,000 against any person who willfully violates ORS 653.025,**
19 **653.030, 653.045, 653.050, 653.060 or 653.261 or sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and**
20 **10 of this 2015 Act or any rule adopted thereunder.**

21 **“(2) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, the commissioner**
22 **may assess a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 against any person who in-**
23 **tentionally violates ORS 653.077 or any rule adopted thereunder.**

24 **“(3) Civil penalties authorized by this section shall be imposed in the**
25 **manner provided in ORS 183.745.**

26 **“(4)(a) All sums collected as penalties under this section shall be first**
27 **applied toward reimbursement of costs incurred in determining the vio-**
28 **lations, conducting hearings under this section and addressing and collecting**
29 **the penalties.**

30 **“(b) The remainder, if any, of the sums collected as penalties under sub-**

1 section (1) of this section shall be paid over by the commissioner to the De-
2 partment of State Lands for the benefit of the Common School Fund of this
3 state. The department shall issue a receipt for the money to the commis-
4 sioner.

5 “(c) The remainder, if any, of the sums collected as penalties under sub-
6 section (2) of this section shall be paid over by the commissioner to the De-
7 partment of Human Services for the benefit of the Breastfeeding Mother
8 Friendly Employer Project. The department shall issue a receipt for the
9 moneys to the commissioner.

10 **“SECTION 18.** ORS 659A.885 is amended to read:

11 “659A.885. (1) Any person claiming to be aggrieved by an unlawful prac-
12 tice specified in subsection (2) of this section may file a civil action in cir-
13 cuit court. In any action under this subsection, the court may order
14 injunctive relief and any other equitable relief that may be appropriate, in-
15 cluding but not limited to reinstatement or the hiring of employees with or
16 without back pay. A court may order back pay in an action under this sub-
17 section only for the two-year period immediately preceding the filing of a
18 complaint under ORS 659A.820 with the Commissioner of the Bureau of La-
19 bor and Industries, or if a complaint was not filed before the action was
20 commenced, the two-year period immediately preceding the filing of the
21 action. In any action under this subsection, the court may allow the pre-
22 vailing party costs and reasonable attorney fees at trial and on appeal. Ex-
23 cept as provided in subsection (3) of this section:

24 “(a) The judge shall determine the facts in an action under this sub-
25 section; and

26 “(b) Upon any appeal of a judgment in an action under this subsection,
27 the appellate court shall review the judgment pursuant to the standard es-
28 tablished by ORS 19.415 (3).

29 “(2) An action may be brought under subsection (1) of this section alleg-
30 ing a violation of ORS 10.090, 10.092, 25.337, 25.424, 171.120, 408.230, 408.237

1 (2), 476.574, 652.355, 653.060, 659A.030, 659A.040, 659A.043, 659A.046, 659A.063,
2 659A.069, 659A.082, 659A.088, 659A.103 to 659A.145, 659A.150 to 659A.186,
3 659A.194, 659A.199, 659A.203, 659A.218, 659A.228, 659A.230, 659A.233,
4 659A.236, 659A.250 to 659A.262, 659A.277, 659A.290, 659A.300, 659A.306,
5 659A.309, 659A.315, 659A.318, 659A.320 or 659A.421 **or sections 2 to 16 of**
6 **this 2015 Act.**

7 “(3) In any action under subsection (1) of this section alleging a violation
8 of ORS 25.337, 25.424, 659A.030, 659A.040, 659A.043, 659A.046, 659A.069,
9 659A.082, 659A.103 to 659A.145, 659A.199, 659A.228, 659A.230, 659A.250 to
10 659A.262, 659A.290, 659A.318 or 659A.421:

11 “(a) The court may award, in addition to the relief authorized under
12 subsection (1) of this section, compensatory damages or \$200, whichever is
13 greater, and punitive damages;

14 “(b) At the request of any party, the action shall be tried to a jury;

15 “(c) Upon appeal of any judgment finding a violation, the appellate court
16 shall review the judgment pursuant to the standard established by ORS
17 19.415 (1); and

18 “(d) Any attorney fee agreement shall be subject to approval by the court.

19 “(4) In any action under subsection (1) of this section alleging a violation
20 of ORS 652.355 or 653.060, the court may award, in addition to the relief
21 authorized under subsection (1) of this section, compensatory damages or
22 \$200, whichever is greater.

23 “(5) In any action under subsection (1) of this section alleging a violation
24 of ORS 171.120, 476.574, 659A.203 or 659A.218, the court may award, in addi-
25 tion to the relief authorized under subsection (1) of this section,
26 compensatory damages or \$250, whichever is greater.

27 “(6) In any action under subsection (1) of this section alleging a violation
28 of ORS 10.090 or 10.092, the court may award, in addition to the relief au-
29 thorized under subsection (1) of this section, a civil penalty in the amount
30 of \$720.

1 “(7) Any individual against whom any distinction, discrimination or re-
2 striction on account of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national
3 origin, marital status or age, if the individual is 18 years of age or older,
4 has been made by any place of public accommodation, as defined in ORS
5 659A.400, by any employee or person acting on behalf of the place or by any
6 person aiding or abetting the place or person in violation of ORS 659A.406
7 may bring an action against the operator or manager of the place, the em-
8 ployee or person acting on behalf of the place or the aider or abettor of the
9 place or person. Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, in an action
10 under this subsection:

11 “(a) The court may award, in addition to the relief authorized under
12 subsection (1) of this section, compensatory and punitive damages;

13 “(b) The operator or manager of the place of public accommodation, the
14 employee or person acting on behalf of the place, and any aider or abettor
15 shall be jointly and severally liable for all damages awarded in the action;

16 “(c) At the request of any party, the action shall be tried to a jury;

17 “(d) The court shall award reasonable attorney fees to a prevailing
18 plaintiff;

19 “(e) The court may award reasonable attorney fees and expert witness fees
20 incurred by a defendant who prevails only if the court determines that the
21 plaintiff had no objectively reasonable basis for asserting a claim or no
22 reasonable basis for appealing an adverse decision of a trial court; and

23 “(f) Upon any appeal of a judgment under this subsection, the appellate
24 court shall review the judgment pursuant to the standard established by ORS
25 19.415 (1).

26 “(8) When the commissioner or the Attorney General has reasonable cause
27 to believe that a person or group of persons is engaged in a pattern or
28 practice of resistance to the rights protected by ORS 659A.145 or 659A.421
29 or federal housing law, or that a group of persons has been denied any of the
30 rights protected by ORS 659A.145 or 659A.421 or federal housing law, the

1 commissioner or the Attorney General may file a civil action on behalf of
2 the aggrieved persons in the same manner as a person or group of persons
3 may file a civil action under this section. In a civil action filed under this
4 subsection, the court may assess against the respondent, in addition to the
5 relief authorized under subsections (1) and (3) of this section, a civil penalty:

6 “(a) In an amount not exceeding \$50,000 for a first violation; and

7 “(b) In an amount not exceeding \$100,000 for any subsequent violation.

8 “(9) In any action under subsection (1) of this section alleging a violation
9 of ORS 659A.145 or 659A.421 or alleging discrimination under federal housing
10 law, when the commissioner is pursuing the action on behalf of an aggrieved
11 complainant, the court shall award reasonable attorney fees to the commis-
12 sioner if the commissioner prevails in the action. The court may award rea-
13 sonable attorney fees and expert witness fees incurred by a defendant that
14 prevails in the action if the court determines that the commissioner had no
15 objectively reasonable basis for asserting the claim or for appealing an ad-
16 verse decision of the trial court.

17 “(10) In an action under subsection (1) or (8) of this section alleging a
18 violation of ORS 659A.145 or 659A.421 or discrimination under federal hous-
19 ing law:

20 “(a) ‘Aggrieved person’ includes a person who believes that the person:

21 “(A) Has been injured by an unlawful practice or discriminatory housing
22 practice; or

23 “(B) Will be injured by an unlawful practice or discriminatory housing
24 practice that is about to occur.

25 “(b) An aggrieved person in regard to issues to be determined in an action
26 may intervene as of right in the action. The Attorney General may intervene
27 in the action if the Attorney General certifies that the case is of general
28 public importance. The court may allow an intervenor prevailing party costs
29 and reasonable attorney fees at trial and on appeal.

30 **SECTION 19. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this sec-**

1 tion, the Bureau of Labor and Industries may assess civil penalties
2 only for violations of sections 2 to 16 of this 2015 Act against an em-
3 ployer occurring on or after January 1, 2017.

4 “(2) Penalties for violations of section 11 (2) and (3) of this 2015 Act
5 may be assessed against an employer only for violations occurring on
6 or after January 1, 2017.

7 “SECTION 20. Sections 2 to 16 of this 2015 Act and the amendments
8 to ORS 653.256 and 659A.885 by sections 17 and 18 of this 2015 Act apply
9 to hours worked and sick time accrued or used on or after January 1,
10 2016.”.

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