To: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

From: Meg Bushman Reinhold, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: May 26, 2017

Subject: SB 93 – Relating to amount credited to Workers' Memorial Scholarship
               Account from civil penalties recovered for violations of certain
               occupations standards.

SB 93 increases the amount that can be credited to the Workers' Memorial Scholarship Account from civil penalties recovered by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services for workplace safety and health violations. Deposits from penalty recoveries are currently capped at $250,000, an amount which has not changed since the Scholarship Account was established in 1993. This bill increases the cap to $1 million. Penalty amounts recovered in excess of the cap are deposited into the Premium Assessment Operating Account which supports Oregon OSHA and the Workers' Compensation Division.

Interest from Workers' Memorial Scholarship Account is dedicated to educational scholarships for the spouses and children of workers who are killed on the job or who have received a permanent total disability award from an injury on the job. The proposed increase in the size of the account will allow the Department of Consumer and Business Services to increase the value of the scholarships awarded.

There is no fiscal impact to the bill as the change does not impact agency operating costs.

Final Subcommittee Action

    MOTION: I move SB 93 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.
    (VOTE)
Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____