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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

Re: SB 93 Relating to amount credited to Workers' Memorial Scholarship Account from civil penalties recovered for violations of certain occupation standards

Senator Hansell: "SB 93 increases to one million dollars the amount that can be credited to the Workers' Memorial Scholarship Account from civil penalties recovered for violations of workplace safety and health violations.

The current cap is \$250,000 and has not been changed since 1993. Interest from the 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. Civil penalties recovered in excess of the cap are deposited into the Premium Assessment Operating Account which supports Oregon OSHA and the Workers' Compensation Division. The increase in the amount awarded to the Scholarship Account will not negatively impact workplace safety and health programs at the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends SB 93 be reported out do pass."