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House Bill 3022-A is a consensus bill to help injured workers get the health care they need to get back on the job quickly.

The bill was approved by the Rules Committee on a 6-0-1 vote.

The language was a result of negotiations between business, labor, worker advocates including members of OTLA, and the insurance industry. Those most engaged in the technical discussions were Oregon Business and Industry, AGC, and OTLA.

House Bill 3022-A has been approved by the Management Labor Advisory Committee which is charged with reviewing legislation regarding injured workers. MLAC is concerned with the stability and affordability of the workers' comp system, along with the availability of benefits for workers.

The bill tackles two emerging crises in our workers' comp system.

HB 3022-A expands the availability of diagnostic services for workers whose ailments were originally improperly diagnosed.

HB 3022-A requires the insurance company to weigh the severity of the on-the-job event to the severity of the pre-existing condition when deciding whether or not to cut off health care and other services. The existing statute made it tougher for workers to demonstrate that their injuries were primarily caused by the on-the-job accident.


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