



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATE: February 24, 2021

TO: Representative Karin Power
Chair of the House Subcommittee on Civil Law

SUBJECT: HB 2205 – Just Enforcement Act

In its current form, HB 2205 is a version of the Private Attorney General Act (PAGA), based in large part on a similar law passed in California. PAGA raises significant concerns for the Oregon Department of Justice.

If we understood the intent of the proponents of this bill was to pursue PAGA or something similarly applicable to Department of Justice enforcement actions, we would be appearing before you today to share those concerns. However, we understand that the proponents of this bill intend to amend it to only apply to the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries and the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

We appreciate that the proponents have shared a mark-up of the original bill with us, and we are also appreciative of their intent to narrow of the bill from its original form. That said, until we are able to review a LC draft or amendment to HB 2205, we are unable to provide this committee with technical feedback or our full assessment of the bill.

We look forward to continuing our engagement with the proponents and this committee when the amendment is available.

Thank you.

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