

Requested by Representative GRAYBER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4113**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “ORS” insert “656.790 and”.

2 On page 4, after line 21, insert:

3 **“SECTION 2.** ORS 656.790 is amended to read:

4 “656.790. (1)(a) The Governor shall appoint a Workers’ Compensation
5 Management-Labor Advisory Committee composed of 10 appointed members.

6 “(b) Five members from organized labor shall represent subject workers
7 and five members shall represent subject employers.

8 “(c) In addition to the appointed members, the Director of the Department
9 of Consumer and Business Services shall serve ex officio as a member of the
10 committee.

11 “(d) The appointment of members of the committee is subject to confir-
12 mation by the Senate in the manner prescribed in ORS 171.562 and 171.565.

13 “(2)(a) The director may recommend areas of the law [*which*] **that** the
14 director desires to have studied or the committee may study such aspects of
15 the law as the committee shall determine require their consideration.

16 “(b) The committee shall biennially review the standards for evaluation
17 of permanent disability adopted under ORS 656.726 and shall recommend to
18 the director factors to be included or such other modification of application
19 of the standards as the committee considers appropriate.

20 “(c) The committee shall biennially review and make recommendations
21 about permanent partial disability benefits.

1 “(d) The committee shall review and consider reports, findings and
2 analysis made public by the National Institute for Occupational Safety
3 and Health that are related to cancers associated with nonvolunteer
4 firefighters as set forth in ORS 656.802 (5).

5 “(e) The committee shall advise the director regarding any proposed
6 changes in the operation of programs funded by the Workers’ Benefit Fund
7 and shall review any plan the Department of Consumer and Business Ser-
8 vices devises to increase the balance of the fund to meet the requirement set
9 forth in ORS 656.506 (5).

10 “(f) The committee shall report the committee’s findings to the director
11 for such action as the director deems appropriate.

12 “(3) The committee shall report to the Legislative Assembly such findings
13 and recommendations as the committee considers appropriate, including a
14 report on the following matters:

15 “(a) Decisions of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals that have sig-
16 nificant impact on the workers’ compensation system.

17 “(b) Adequacy of workers’ compensation benefits.

18 “(c) Medical and legal system costs.

19 “(d) Adequacy of assessments for reserve programs and administrative
20 costs.

21 “(e) The operation of programs funded by the Workers’ Benefit Fund.

22 “(4)(a) The members of the committee are appointed for a term of three
23 years and shall serve without compensation, but are entitled to travel ex-
24 penses.

25 “(b) The committee may hire, subject to approval of the director, such
26 experts as the committee may require to discharge the committee’s duties.

27 “(c) All expenses of the committee must be paid out of the Consumer and
28 Business Services Fund.”.

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