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CHAPTER ..................................................

AN ACT

Relating to detection of fraud; amending ORS 314.840, 657.665 and 657B.400; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 314.840 is amended to read:

314.840. (1) The Department of Revenue may:

(a) Furnish any taxpayer, representative authorized to represent the taxpayer under ORS 305.239 or person designated by the taxpayer under ORS 305.193, upon request of the taxpayer, representative or designee, with a copy of the taxpayer's income tax return filed with the department for any year, or with a copy of any report filed by the taxpayer in connection with the return, or with any other information the department considers necessary.

(b) Publish lists of taxpayers who are entitled to unclaimed tax refunds.

(c) Publish statistics so classified as to prevent the identification of income or any particulars contained in any report or return.

(d) Disclose a taxpayer's name, address, telephone number, refund amount, amount due, Social Security number, employer identification number or other taxpayer identification number to the extent necessary in connection with collection activities or the processing and mailing of correspondence or of forms for any report or return required in the administration of any local tax under ORS 305.620 or any law imposing a tax upon or measured by net income.

(2) The department also may disclose and give access to information described in ORS 314.835 to:

(a) The Governor of the State of Oregon or the authorized representative of the Governor with respect to an individual who is designated as being under consideration for appointment or reappointment to an office or for employment in the office of the Governor. The information disclosed shall be confined to whether the individual:

(A) Has filed returns with respect to the taxes imposed by ORS chapter 316 for those of not more than the three immediately preceding years for which the individual was required to file an Oregon individual income tax return.

(B) Has failed to pay any tax within 30 days from the date of mailing of a deficiency notice or otherwise respond to a deficiency notice within 30 days of its mailing.

(C) Has been assessed any penalty under the Oregon personal income tax laws and the nature of the penalty.
(D) Has been or is under investigation for possible criminal offenses under the Oregon personal income tax laws. Information disclosed pursuant to this paragraph shall be used only for the purpose of making the appointment, reappointment or decision to employ or not to employ the individual in the office of the Governor.

(b) An officer or employee of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services duly authorized or employed to prepare revenue estimates, or a person contracting with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to prepare revenue estimates, in the preparation of revenue estimates required for the Governor's budget under ORS 291.201 to 291.224, or required for submission to the Emergency Board or the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means, or if the Legislative Assembly is in session, to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, and to the Legislative Revenue Officer or Legislative Fiscal Officer under ORS 291.342, 291.348 and 291.445. The Department of Revenue shall disclose and give access to the information described in ORS 314.835 for the purposes of this paragraph only if:

(A) The request for information is made in writing, specifies the purposes for which the request is made and is signed by an authorized representative of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. The form for request for information shall be prescribed by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and approved by the Director of the Department of Revenue.

(B) The officer, employee or person receiving the information does not remove from the premises of the Department of Revenue any materials that would reveal the identity of a personal or corporate taxpayer.

(c) The Commissioner of Internal Revenue or authorized representative, for tax administration and compliance purposes only.

(d) For tax administration and compliance purposes, the proper officer or authorized representative of any of the following entities that has or is governed by a provision of law that meets the requirements of any applicable provision of the Internal Revenue Code as to confidentiality:

(A) A state;

(B) A city, county or other political subdivision of a state;

(C) The District of Columbia; or

(D) An association established exclusively to provide services to federal, state or local taxing authorities.

(e) The Multistate Tax Commission or its authorized representatives, for tax administration and compliance purposes only. The Multistate Tax Commission may make the information available to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue or the proper officer or authorized representative of any governmental entity described in and meeting the qualifications of paragraph (d) of this subsection.

(f) The Attorney General, assistants and employees in the Department of Justice, or other legal representative of the State of Oregon, to the extent the department deems disclosure or access necessary for the performance of the duties of advising or representing the department pursuant to ORS 180.010 to 180.240 and the tax laws of the state.

(g) Employees of the State of Oregon, other than of the Department of Revenue or Department of Justice, to the extent the department deems disclosure or access necessary for such employees to perform their duties under contracts or agreements between the department and any other department, agency or subdivision of the State of Oregon, in the department's administration of the tax laws.

(h) Other persons, partnerships, corporations and other legal entities, and their employees, to the extent the department deems disclosure or access necessary for the performance of such others' duties under contracts or agreements between the department and such legal entities, in the department's administration of the tax laws.

(i) The Legislative Revenue Officer or authorized representatives upon compliance with ORS 173.850. Such officer or representative shall not remove from the premises of the department any materials that would reveal the identity of any taxpayer or any other person.

(j) The Department of Consumer and Business Services, to the extent the department requires such information to determine whether it is appropriate to adjust those workers' compensation...
benefits the amount of which is based pursuant to ORS chapter 656 on the amount of wages or earned income received by an individual.

(k) Any agency of the State of Oregon, or any person, or any officer or employee of such agency or person to whom disclosure or access is given by state law and not otherwise referred to in this section, including but not limited to the Secretary of State as Auditor of Public Accounts under Article VI, section 2, of the Oregon Constitution; the Department of Human Services pursuant to ORS 412.094; the Division of Child Support of the Department of Justice and district attorney regarding cases for which they are providing support enforcement services under ORS 25.080; the State Board of Tax Practitioners, pursuant to ORS 673.710; and the Oregon Board of Accountancy, pursuant to ORS 673.415.

(L) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services to determine that a person complies with ORS chapter 656 and the Director of the Employment Department to determine that a person complies with ORS chapter 657, the following employer information:

(A) Identification numbers.
(B) Names and addresses.
(C) Inception date as employer.
(D) Nature of business.
(E) Entity changes.
(F) Date of last payroll.

(m) The Director of the Oregon Health Authority to determine that a person has the ability to pay for care that includes services provided by the Oregon State Hospital, or the Oregon Health Authority to collect any unpaid cost of care as provided by ORS chapter 179.

(n) Employees of the Employment Department:

(A) To the extent the Department of Revenue deems disclosure or access to information on a combined tax report filed under ORS 316.168 is necessary to performance of their duties in administering the tax imposed by ORS chapter 657[.]; or

(B) For the purpose of detecting the occurrence of identity theft or fraud through the examination of the following taxpayer particulars:

(i) Individual taxpayer identification number.
(ii) Name, address and date of birth.
(iii) Employer name, employer identification number and amount of wages paid.
(iv) Self-employment income amount and source.
(v) Other particulars of the return as defined in ORS 314.835, at the discretion of the Director of the Department of Revenue, on a case-by-case basis.

(o) The State Fire Marshal to assist the State Fire Marshal in carrying out duties, functions and powers under ORS 453.307 to 453.414, the employer or agent name, address, telephone number and standard industrial classification, if available.

(p) Employees of the Department of State Lands or State Treasurer for the purposes of returning unclaimed property and identifying, locating and publishing lists of taxpayers entitled to unclaimed refunds under ORS 98.302 to 98.436.

(q) In addition to the disclosure allowed under ORS 305.225, state or local law enforcement agencies to assist in the investigation or prosecution of the following criminal activities:

(A) Mail theft of a check, in which case the information that may be disclosed shall be limited to the stolen document, the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the payee, the amount of the check and the date printed on the check.

(B) The counterfeiting, forging or altering of a check submitted by a taxpayer to the Department of Revenue or issued by the Department of Revenue to a taxpayer, in which case the information that may be disclosed shall be limited to the counterfeit, forged or altered document, the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the payee, the amount of the check, the date printed on the check and the altered name and address.
(r) The United States Postal Inspection Service or a federal law enforcement agency, including but not limited to the United States Department of Justice, to assist in the investigation of the following criminal activities:

(A) Mail theft of a check, in which case the information that may be disclosed shall be limited to the stolen document, the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the payee, the amount of the check and the date printed on the check.

(B) The counterfeiting, forging or altering of a check submitted by a taxpayer to the Department of Revenue or issued by the Department of Revenue to a taxpayer, in which case the information that may be disclosed shall be limited to the counterfeit, forged or altered document, the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the payee, the amount of the check, the date printed on the check and the altered name and address.

(s) The United States Financial Management Service, for purposes of facilitating the offsets described in ORS 305.612.

(t) A municipal corporation of this state for purposes of assisting the municipal corporation in the administration of a tax of the municipal corporation that is imposed on or measured by income, wages or net earnings from self-employment. Any disclosure under this paragraph may be made only pursuant to a written agreement between the Department of Revenue and the municipal corporation that ensures the confidentiality of the information disclosed.

(u) A consumer reporting agency, to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of ORS 314.843.

(v) The Public Employees Retirement Board, to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of ORS 238.372 to 238.384, and to any public employer, to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of ORS 237.635 (3) and 237.637 (2).

(w) The Secretary of State for the purpose of initiating or supporting a recommendation under ORS 60.032 (3) or 63.032 (3) to administratively dissolve a corporation or limited liability company that the Director of the Department of Revenue determines has failed to comply with applicable tax laws of the state.

(x)(A) A multijurisdictional information sharing organization formed with oversight by the Internal Revenue Service to combat identity theft and fraud, if the Department of Revenue is a member of the organization; and

(B) Tax preparation software vendors that are members of an organization described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, if information described in ORS 314.835 is shared for the purpose of investigating industry leads of potential identity theft or fraud.

(y) The State Treasurer, for the purpose of providing employer responses, as indicated on annual withholding reports submitted to the Department of Revenue, about whether an employer offers a qualified retirement savings plan as listed in ORS 178.215.

(z) The Oregon 529 Savings Board, for the purpose of facilitating the establishment of accounts by personal income taxpayers under ORS 178.335 within the Oregon 529 Savings Network through the use of income tax return forms.

(3)(a) Each officer or employee of the department and each person described or referred to in subsection (2)(a), (b), (f) to (l), (n) to (q) or (w) of this section to whom disclosure or access to the tax information is given under subsection (2) of this section or any other provision of state law, prior to beginning employment or the performance of duties involving such disclosure or access, shall be advised in writing of the provisions of ORS 314.835 and 314.991, relating to penalties for the violation of ORS 314.835, and shall as a condition of employment or performance of duties execute a certificate for the department, in a form prescribed by the department, stating in substance that the person has read these provisions of law, that the person has had them explained and that the person is aware of the penalties for the violation of ORS 314.835.

(b) The disclosure authorized in subsection (2)(r) of this section shall be made only after a written agreement has been entered into between the Department of Revenue and the person described in subsection (2)(r) of this section to whom disclosure or access to the tax information is given, providing that:
(A) Any information described in ORS 314.835 that is received by the person pursuant to subsection (2)(r) of this section is confidential information that may not be disclosed, except to the extent necessary to investigate or prosecute the criminal activities described in subsection (2)(r) of this section;

(B) The information shall be protected as confidential under applicable federal and state laws; and

(C) The United States Postal Inspection Service or the federal law enforcement agency shall give notice to the Department of Revenue of any request received under the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, or other federal law relating to the disclosure of information.

(4) The Department of Revenue may recover the costs of furnishing the information described in subsection (2)(L), (m) and (o) to (q) of this section from the respective agencies.

SECTION 2. ORS 657.665 is amended to read:

657.665. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) to (5) of this section, all information in the records of the Employment Department pertaining to the administration of the unemployment insurance, employment service and workforce and labor market information programs:

(a) Is confidential and for the exclusive use and information of the Director of the Employment Department in administering the unemployment insurance, employment service and workforce and labor market information programs in Oregon.

(b) May not be used in any court action or in any proceeding pending in the court unless the director or the state is a party to the action or proceeding or unless the proceeding concerns the establishment, enforcement or modification of a support obligation and support services are being provided by the Division of Child Support or the district attorney pursuant to ORS 25.080.

(c) Is exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.311 to 192.478.

(2) The Employment Department shall disclose information:

(a) To any claimant or legal representative, at a hearing before an administrative law judge, to the extent necessary for the proper presentation of an unemployment insurance claim.

(b) Upon request to the United States Secretary of Labor. The Employment Department shall disclose the information in a form and containing the information that the United States Secretary of Labor may require. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose.

(c) Pursuant to section 303(a)(7) of the Social Security Act, upon request to any agency of the United States charged with the administration of public works or assistance through public employment. Under this paragraph, the Employment Department shall disclose the name, address, ordinary occupation and employment status of each recipient of unemployment insurance benefits and a statement of the recipient’s right to further benefits under this chapter. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose.

(d) Pursuant to section 303(c)(1) of the Social Security Act, to the Railroad Retirement Board. Under this paragraph, the Employment Department shall disclose unemployment insurance records. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. The costs of disclosing information under this paragraph shall be paid by the board.

(e) Pursuant to section 303(d) of the Social Security Act, upon request to officers and employees of the United States Department of Agriculture and to officers or employees of any state Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program agency for the purpose of determining an individual’s eligibility for or the amount of supplemental nutrition assistance. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. The costs of disclosing information under this paragraph shall be paid by the United States Department of Agriculture.

(f) Pursuant to section 303(e)(1) and (2)(A)(ii) of the Social Security Act, to state or local child support enforcement agencies enforcing child support obligations under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act for the purposes of establishing child support obligations, locating individuals owing child support obligations and collecting child support obligations from those individuals. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. The costs of disclosing information under this paragraph shall be paid by the child support enforcement agency.
(g) Pursuant to sections 303(f) and 1137 of the Social Security Act, to agencies participating in the income and eligibility verification system for the purpose of verifying an individual's eligibility for benefits, or the amount of benefits, under unemployment insurance, temporary assistance for needy families, Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Supplemental Security Income, child support enforcement or Social Security programs. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. The costs of disclosing information under this paragraph shall be paid by the requesting agency.

(h) Pursuant to section 303(h) of the Social Security Act and section 3304(a)(16)(B) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, to the United States Department of Health and Human Services National Directory of New Hires. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. The costs of disclosing information under this paragraph shall be paid by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

(i) Pursuant to section 303(i) of the Social Security Act, to officers and employees of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and to representatives of a public housing agency for the purpose of determining an individual's eligibility for benefits, or the amount of benefits, under a housing assistance program of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. The costs of disclosing information under this paragraph shall be paid by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development or the public housing agency.

(j) Pursuant to regulations of the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services issued under section 3304(a)(16)(A) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, and except as required by section 303 of the Social Security Act, to the state, a political subdivision or a federally recognized Indian tribe that has signed an agreement with the Department of Human Services to administer Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act for the purpose of determining an individual's eligibility for assistance, or the amount of assistance, under a program funded under Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose.

(k) Upon request, to the United States Attorney's Office. Under this paragraph, the Employment Department may disclose an individual's employment and wage information in response to a federal grand jury subpoena or for the purpose of collecting civil and criminal judgments, including restitution and special assessment fees. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. The costs of disclosing information under this paragraph shall be paid by the United States Attorney's Office.

(3) The Employment Department may disclose information secured from employing units:

(a) To state agencies, federal agencies, local government agencies, public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and the Oregon Health and Science University established under ORS 353.020, to the extent necessary to properly carry out governmental planning, performance measurement, program analysis, socioeconomic analysis or policy analysis functions performed under applicable law. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be disclosed by the agencies or universities in any manner that would identify individuals, claimants, employees or employing units. If the information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the agency or university requesting the information.

(b) As part of a geographic information system. Points on a map may be used to represent economic data, including the location, employment size class and industrial classification of businesses in Oregon. Information presented as part of a geographic information system may not give specific details regarding a business's address, actual employment or proprietary information. If the information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the party requesting the information.

(c) In accordance with ORS 657.673.

(4) The Employment Department may:
(a) Disclose information to public employees in the performance of their duties under state or federal laws relating to the payment of unemployment insurance benefits, the provision of employment services and the provision of workforce and labor market information.

(b) At the discretion of the Director of the Employment Department and subject to an interagency agreement, disclose information to public officials in the performance of their official duties administering or enforcing laws within their authority and to the agents or contractors of public officials. The public official shall agree to assume responsibility for misuse of the information by the official’s agent or contractor.

(c) Disclose information pursuant to an informed consent, received from an employer or claimant, to disclose the information.

(d) Disclose information to partners under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for the purpose of administering state workforce programs under the Act. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. The costs of disclosing information under this paragraph shall be paid by the requesting partner.

(e) Disclose the names and addresses of employing units to the Bureau of Labor and Industries for the purpose of disseminating information to employing units. The names and addresses disclosed are confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. If the information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the bureau.

(f) Disclose information to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries for the purpose of performing duties under ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870, 658.005 to 658.245 or 658.405 to 658.511 or ORS chapter 652, 653 or 659A. The information disclosed may include the names and addresses of employers and employees and payroll data of employers and employees. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. If the information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the bureau.

(g) Disclose information required under ORS 657.660 (3) and (4) to the Public Employees Retirement System for the purpose of determining the eligibility of members of the retirement system for disability under ORS chapters 238 and 238A. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. The costs of disclosing information under this paragraph shall be paid by the Public Employees Retirement System.

(h) Disclose to the Oregon Business Development Commission and the Oregon Business Development Department information required by the commission and the department in performing their duties under ORS 285A.050 and 285B.630 to verify changes in employment levels following direct employer participation in department programs or indirect participation through municipalities under ORS 285B.410 to 285B.482. The information disclosed to the commission and the department may include an employer’s employment level, total subject wages payroll and whole hours worked. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. The commission and the department may not disclose the information in any manner that would identify an employing unit or employee except to the extent necessary to carry out the commission’s and the department’s duties under ORS 285A.050 and 285B.630. If the information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the commission or the Oregon Business Development Department.

(i) Disclose information to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of performing its duties under ORS 293.250 or under the revenue and tax laws of this state, or for the purpose of using information reported by employers and claimants to detect potential identity theft or fraudulent claims. The information disclosed may include the names and addresses of employers and payroll data of employers and employees. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be disclosed by the Department of Revenue in any manner that would identify an employing unit or employee except to the extent necessary to carry out the department’s duties under ORS 293.250 or in auditing or reviewing any report or return required or permitted to be filed under the revenue and tax laws administered by the department. The Department of Revenue may
not disclose any information received to any private collection agency or for any other purpose. If
the information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment De-
partment, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the Department of Revenue.

(j) Disclose information to the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the purpose
of performing its duties under ORS chapters 654 and 656. The information disclosed may include the
name, address, number of employees and industrial classification code of an employer and payroll
data of employers and employees. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be disclosed
by the Department of Consumer and Business Services in any manner that would identify an em-
ploying unit or employee except to the extent necessary to carry out the department's duties under
ORS chapters 654 and 656, including administrative hearings and court proceedings in which the
Department of Consumer and Business Services is a party. If the information disclosed under this
paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the
information shall be paid by the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

(k) Disclose information to the Construction Contractors Board for the purpose of performing
its duties under ORS chapter 701. The information disclosed to the board may include the names
and addresses of employers and status of their compliance with this chapter. If the information dis-
closed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs
of disclosing the information shall be paid by the board.

(L) Disclose information to the State Fire Marshal to assist the State Fire Marshal in carrying
out duties under ORS 453.307 to 453.414. The information disclosed may include the name, address,
telephone number and industrial classification code of an employer. The information disclosed is
confidential and may not be disclosed by the State Fire Marshal in any manner that would identify
an employing unit except to the extent necessary to carry out duties under ORS 453.307 to 453.414.
If the information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment
Department, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the Department of the State
Fire Marshal.

(m) Disclose information to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the purpose of
performing the commission's duties under ORS chapter 348 and Title IV of the Higher Education
Act of 1965. The information disclosed may include the names and addresses of employers and em-
ployees and payroll data of employers and employees. The information disclosed is confidential and
may not be disclosed by the commission in any manner that would identify an employing unit or employee except to the extent necessary to carry out the commission's duties under ORS chapter 348 or Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. If the information disclosed under this para-
graph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the infor-
mation shall be paid by the commission.

(n) Disclose information to the Department of Transportation to assist the Department of
Transportation in carrying out the duties of the Department of Transportation relating to collection
of delinquent and liquidated debts, including taxes, under ORS 184.610 to 184.665, 184.670 to 184.733
and 805.263, ORS chapter 319 and the Oregon Vehicle Code. The information disclosed may include
the names and addresses of employers and employees and payroll data of employers and employees.
The information disclosed is confidential and may not be disclosed by the Department of Transpor-
tation in any manner that would identify an employing unit or employee except to the extent nec-
essary to carry out the Department of Transportation's duties relating to collection of delinquent
and liquidated debts or in auditing or reviewing any report or return required or permitted to be
filed under the revenue and tax laws administered by the Department of Transportation. The De-
partment of Transportation may not disclose any information received to any private collection
agency or for any other purpose. If the information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared
for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by
the Department of Transportation.

(o) Disclose information to the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority
to assist the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority in the collection of
debts that the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority are authorized by
law to collect. The information disclosed may include the names, addresses and payroll data of employers and employees. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be disclosed by the Department of Human Services or the Oregon Health Authority in a manner that would identify an employing unit or employee except to the extent necessary for the collection of debts as described in this paragraph. The Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority may not disclose information received under this paragraph to a private collection agency or use the information for a purpose other than the collection of debts as described in this paragraph. If the information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the Department of Human Services or the Oregon Health Authority.

(p) Disclose to the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission information required by the commission in evaluating and measuring the performance of alcohol and drug prevention and treatment programs under ORS 430.223 or the impact of the programs on employment. The information disclosed to the commission may include total subject wages payroll and whole hours worked. The information disclosed under this paragraph is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. The commission may not disclose the information in any manner that would identify an employing unit or employee except to the extent necessary to carry out the commission’s duties under ORS 430.223. If the information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the commission.

(q) Disclose to any person establishment level information secured pursuant to this chapter from federal, state and local government agencies, public universities listed in ORS 352.002 or the Oregon Health and Science University established under ORS 353.020. If the information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the person requesting the information.

(r) Disclose to any person the industrial classification code assigned to an employing unit. If the information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the person requesting the information.

(s) Disclose information to the State Treasurer useful for the purpose of performing the State Treasurer’s duties under ORS 98.302 to 98.436, 98.992 and 116.253 and the role of an estate administrator under ORS 113.235. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used by the State Treasurer for any other purpose. If the information disclosed is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the State Treasurer.

(5) The Employment Department may make public all decisions of the Employment Appeals Board.

(6) Any officer appointed by or any employee of the Director of the Employment Department who discloses confidential information, except with the authority of the director, pursuant to rules or as otherwise required by law, may be disqualified from holding any appointment or employment with the Employment Department.

(7) Any person or any officer or employee of an entity to whom information is disclosed by the Employment Department under this section who divulges or uses the information for any purpose other than that specified in the provision of law or agreement authorizing the use or disclosure may be disqualified from performing any service under contract or disqualified from holding any appointment or employment with the state agency that engaged or employed that person, officer or employee. The Employment Department may immediately cancel or modify any information sharing agreement with an entity when a person or an officer or employee of that entity discloses confidential information, other than as specified in law or agreement.

SECTION 3. ORS 657B.400 is amended to read:

657B.400. (1) All information in the records of the Employment Department or a third party administrator pertaining to the administration of this chapter:

(a) Is confidential and for the exclusive use and information of the Director of the Employment Department in administering this chapter;
(b) May not be used in any court action or in any proceeding pending in the court unless the director or the State of Oregon is a party to the action or proceeding or unless the action or proceeding concerns the establishment, enforcement or modification of a support obligation and support services are being provided by the Division of Child Support of the Department of Justice or the district attorney pursuant to ORS 25.080; and

(c) Is exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.311 to 192.478.

(2) At the discretion of the director and subject to an interagency agreement, the director may disclose information to a public official in the performance of the public official's official duties administering or enforcing laws within the public official's authority and to an agent or contractor of a public official. The public official shall agree to assume responsibility for misuse of the information by the public official's agent or contractor.

(3) At the discretion of the director, the director may disclose information to a contractor pursuant to a contract for actuarial services. The contractor shall agree to assume responsibility for misuse of the information by the contractor's agent.

(4) At the discretion of the director, the director may disclose information to an employee or officer within any division of the department as necessary to conduct research, compile aggregate data from the information received and any other purpose deemed necessary by the director to assist the director in carrying out the duties under this chapter or other duties under ORS chapter 657.

(5) At the discretion of the director, the director may disclose to the Department of Revenue information reported by employers and employees to the Employment Department, for the purpose of detecting potential identity theft or fraudulent filing of claims.

SECTION 3a. If Senate Bill 913 becomes law, section 3 of this 2023 Act (amending ORS 657B.400) is repealed.

SECTION 4. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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