

SB 999-2  
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Requested by Senator TAYLOR

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 999**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, before the period insert “; creating new pro-  
2 visions; amending ORS 657B.060, 659A.150, 659A.171 and 659A.186; and de-  
3 claring an emergency.”.

4 Delete lines 4 to 9 and insert:  
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6 **“OREGON FAMILY LEAVE ACT**  
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8 **“SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 are added to and made a part of ORS**  
9 **659A.150 to 659A.186.**

10 **“SECTION 2. (1) For purposes of determining the amount of family**  
11 **leave that an eligible employee is entitled to take within a given one-**  
12 **year period, ‘one-year period’ means a period of 52 consecutive weeks**  
13 **beginning on the Sunday immediately preceding the date on which**  
14 **family leave commences.**

15 **“(2) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may**  
16 **adopt any rules necessary to implement and administer this section.**

17 **“SECTION 3. (1) In order to determine whether an individual qual-**  
18 **ifies as a family member by reason of affinity, as that term is used in**  
19 **ORS 659A.150, consideration shall be given to whether there exists a**  
20 **significant personal bond attributable to factors, established by the**  
21 **Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries by rule, that**

1 **when examined in total, resemble a family relationship.**

2 **“(2) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall**  
3 **adopt rules necessary to implement and administer subsection (1) of**  
4 **this section. The rules may include rules for developing and using an**  
5 **attestation form by which an employee may attest to the affinity fac-**  
6 **tors described in subsection (1) of this section. Any rules adopted**  
7 **under this subsection relating to the factors described under sub-**  
8 **section (1) of this section shall be consistent with the rules established**  
9 **by the Employment Department under section 8 of this 2023 Act.**

10 **“SECTION 4.** ORS 659A.150 is amended to read:

11 **“659A.150. As used in ORS 659A.150 to 659A.186:**

12 **“(1) ‘Covered employer’ means an employer described in ORS 659A.153.**

13 **“(2) ‘Eligible employee’ means any employee of a covered employer other**  
14 **than those employees exempted under the provisions of ORS 659A.156.**

15 **“(3) ‘Family leave’ means a leave of absence described in ORS 659A.159,**  
16 **except that ‘family leave’ does not include leave taken by an eligible em-**  
17 **ployee who is unable to work because of a disabling compensable injury, as**  
18 **defined in ORS 656.005, under ORS chapter 656.**

19 **“(4) ‘Family member’ means [*the spouse of an employee, the biological,***  
20 ***adoptive or foster parent or child of the employee, the grandparent or grand-***  
21 ***child of the employee, a parent-in-law of the employee or a person with whom***  
22 ***the employee was or is in a relationship of in loco parentis.]:***

23 **“(a) The spouse of a covered individual;**

24 **“(b) A child of a covered individual or the child’s spouse or domestic**  
25 **partner;**

26 **“(c) A parent of a covered individual or the parent’s spouse or do-**  
27 **mestic partner;**

28 **“(d) A sibling or stepsibling of a covered individual or the sibling’s**  
29 **or stepsibling’s spouse or domestic partner;**

30 **“(e) A grandparent of a covered individual or the grandparent’s**

1 spouse or domestic partner;

2 “(f) A grandchild of a covered individual or the grandchild’s spouse  
3 or domestic partner;

4 “(g) The domestic partner of a covered individual; or

5 “(h) Any individual related by blood or affinity whose close associ-  
6 ation with a covered individual is the equivalent of a family relation-  
7 ship.

8 “(5) ‘Health care provider’ means:

9 “(a) A person who is primarily responsible for providing health care to  
10 an eligible employee or a family member of an eligible employee, who is  
11 performing within the scope of the person’s professional license or certificate  
12 and who is:

13 “(A) A physician licensed under ORS chapter 677;

14 “(B) A physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525;

15 “(C) A dentist licensed under ORS 679.090;

16 “(D) A psychologist licensed under ORS 675.030;

17 “(E) An optometrist licensed under ORS 683.070;

18 “(F) A naturopath licensed under ORS 685.080;

19 “(G) A registered nurse licensed under ORS 678.050;

20 “(H) A nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375;

21 “(I) A direct entry midwife licensed under ORS 687.420;

22 “(J) A licensed registered nurse licensed by the Oregon State Board of  
23 Nursing as a nurse practitioner specializing in nurse midwifery;

24 “(K) A regulated social worker authorized to practice regulated social  
25 work under ORS 675.510 to 675.600; or

26 “(L) A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS 684.054, but only to the  
27 extent the chiropractic physician provides treatment consisting of manual  
28 manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation demonstrated to exist by  
29 X-rays.

30 “(b) A person who is primarily responsible for the treatment of an eligible

1 employee or a family member of an eligible employee solely through spiritual  
2 means, including but not limited to a Christian Science practitioner.

3 “(6) ‘Public health emergency’ means:

4 “(a) A public health emergency declared under ORS 433.441.

5 “(b) An emergency declared under ORS 401.165 if related to a public  
6 health emergency as defined in ORS 433.442.

7 “(7) ‘Serious health condition’ means:

8 “(a) An illness, injury, impairment or physical or mental condition that  
9 requires inpatient care in a hospital, hospice or residential medical care fa-  
10 cility;

11 “(b) An illness, disease or condition that in the medical judgment of the  
12 treating health care provider poses an imminent danger of death, is terminal  
13 in prognosis with a reasonable possibility of death in the near future, or  
14 requires constant care;

15 “(c) Any period of disability due to pregnancy, or period of absence for  
16 prenatal care; or

17 “(d) Any period of absence for the donation of a body part, organ or tis-  
18 sue, including preoperative or diagnostic services, surgery, post-operative  
19 treatment and recovery.

20 **“SECTION 5.** ORS 659A.171 is amended to read:

21 “659A.171. (1) After returning to work after taking family leave under the  
22 provisions of ORS 659A.150 to 659A.186, an eligible employee is entitled to  
23 be restored to the position of employment held by the employee when the  
24 leave commenced if that position still exists, without regard to whether the  
25 employer filled the position with a replacement worker during the period of  
26 family leave. If the position held by the employee at the time family leave  
27 commenced no longer exists, the employee is entitled to be restored to any  
28 available equivalent position with equivalent employment benefits, pay and  
29 other terms and conditions of employment. If an equivalent position is not  
30 available at the job site of the employee’s former position, the [*employee may*

1 *be offered*] **employer shall offer the employee** an equivalent position at a  
2 job site located within [20] **50** miles of the job site of the employee’s former  
3 position, **if such position is available. If equivalent positions are avail-**  
4 **able at multiple job sites, the employer shall first offer the employee**  
5 **the position at the job site that is nearest to the job site of the**  
6 **employee’s former position.**

7 “(2) Except for employee benefits used during the period of leave, the  
8 taking of family leave under ORS 659A.150 to 659A.186 shall not result in the  
9 loss of any employment benefit accrued before the date on which the leave  
10 commenced.

11 “(3) This section does not entitle any employee to:

12 “(a) Any accrual of seniority or employment benefits during a period of  
13 family leave; or

14 “(b) Any right, benefit or position of employment other than the rights,  
15 benefits and position that the employee would have been entitled to had the  
16 employee not taken the family leave.

17 “(4)(a) Before restoring an employee to a position under subsection (1) of  
18 this section, an employer may require that the employee receive certification  
19 from the employee’s health care provider that the employee is able to resume  
20 work. Certification under this subsection may only be required pursuant to  
21 a uniformly applied practice or policy of the employer.

22 “(b) This subsection does not affect the ability of an employer to require  
23 an employee during a period of family leave to report periodically to the  
24 employer on the employee’s status and on the employee’s intention to return  
25 to work.

26 “(5)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, benefits are  
27 not required to continue to accrue during a period of family leave unless  
28 continuation or accrual is required under an agreement of the employer and  
29 the employee, a collective bargaining agreement or an employer policy.

30 “(b) If the employee is provided group health insurance, the employee is

1 entitled to the continuation of group health insurance coverage during the  
2 period of family leave on the same terms as if the employee had continued  
3 to work. If family member coverage is provided to the employee, family  
4 member coverage must be maintained during the period of family leave. The  
5 employee must continue to make any regular contributions to the cost of the  
6 health insurance premiums.

7 “(c) Notwithstanding ORS 652.610 (3) and except as provided in paragraph  
8 (b) of this subsection, if the employer is required or elects to pay any part  
9 of the costs of providing disability, life or other insurance coverage for an  
10 employee during the period of family leave that should have been paid by the  
11 employee, the employer may deduct from the employee’s pay such amounts  
12 upon the employee’s return to work until the amount the employer advanced  
13 toward the payments is paid. In no event may the total amount deducted for  
14 insurance under the provisions of this subsection exceed 10 percent of the  
15 employee’s gross pay each pay period.

16 “(6) Notwithstanding ORS 652.610 (3), if the employer pays any part of the  
17 costs of health, disability, life or other insurance coverage for an employee  
18 under the provisions of subsection (5) of this section, and the employee does  
19 not return to employment with the employer after taking family leave, the  
20 employer may deduct amounts paid by the employer from any amounts owed  
21 by the employer to the employee, or may seek to recover those amounts by  
22 any other legal means, unless the employee fails to return to work because  
23 of:

24 “(a) A continuation, reoccurrence or onset of a serious health condition  
25 that would entitle the employee to leave for one of the purposes specified  
26 by ORS 659A.159 (1)(b) or (c); or

27 “(b) Other circumstances beyond the control of the employee.

28 “**SECTION 6.** ORS 659A.186 is amended to read:

29 “659A.186. (1) ORS 659A.150 to 659A.186 do not limit any right of an em-  
30 ployee to any leave that is similar to the leave described in ORS 659A.159

1 (1) and to which the employee may be entitled under any agreement between  
2 the employer and the employee, collective bargaining agreement or employer  
3 policy.

4 “(2) ORS 659A.150 to 659A.186 shall be construed to the extent possible  
5 in a manner that is consistent with any similar provisions of the federal  
6 Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993. [*Family leave*] **If family and med-  
7 ical leave** taken under ORS 659A.150 to 659A.186 **qualifies as protected  
8 leave pursuant to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993  
9 (P.L. 103-3) or qualifies as family leave or medical leave taken pursu-  
10 ant to ORS chapter 657B, family and medical leave taken under ORS  
11 659A.150 to 659A.186** must be taken concurrently with, **and not in addition  
12 to**, any leave taken under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993  
13 **(P.L. 103-3) and under ORS chapter 657B.**

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15 **“PAID FAMILY LEAVE**

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17 **“SECTION 7. Section 8 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part  
18 of ORS chapter 657B.**

19 **“SECTION 8. (1) In order to determine whether an individual qual-  
20 ifies as a family member by reason of affinity, as that term is used in  
21 ORS 657B.010, consideration shall be given to whether there exists a  
22 significant personal bond attributed to factors, established by the Di-  
23 rector of the Employment Department by rule, that when examined  
24 in total, resemble a family relationship.**

25 **“(2) Rules adopted by the director under this section may include  
26 rules for developing and using an attestation form by which an em-  
27 ployee may attest to the affinity factors described in subsection (1) of  
28 this section.**

29 **“SECTION 9. ORS 657B.060 is amended to read:**

30 **“657B.060. (1)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection,**

1 after returning to work after a period of family leave, medical leave or safe  
2 leave, an eligible employee is entitled to be restored to the position of em-  
3 ployment held by the employee when the leave commenced, if that position  
4 still exists, without regard to whether the employer filled the position with  
5 a replacement worker during the period of leave. If the position held by the  
6 employee at the time leave commenced no longer exists, the employee is en-  
7 titled to be restored to any available equivalent position with equivalent  
8 employment benefits, pay and other terms and conditions of employment. **If**  
9 **an equivalent position is not available at the job site of the employee’s**  
10 **former position, the employer shall offer the employee an equivalent**  
11 **position at a job site located within 50 miles of the job site of the**  
12 **employee’s former position, if such a position is available. If equiv-**  
13 **alent positions are available at multiple job sites, the employer shall**  
14 **first offer the employee the position at the job site that is nearest to**  
15 **the job site of the employee’s former position.**

16 “(b) For employers that employ fewer than 25 employees, if the position  
17 held by an eligible employee when the employee’s leave commenced no longer  
18 exists, an employer may, at the employer’s discretion based on business ne-  
19 cessity, restore the eligible employee to a different position with similar job  
20 duties and with the same employment benefits and pay.

21 “(2)(a) During a period in which an eligible employee takes leave de-  
22 scribed under subsection (1) of this section, the employer shall maintain any  
23 health care benefits the employee had prior to taking such leave for the du-  
24 ration of the leave, as if the employee had continued in employment contin-  
25 uously during the period of leave. **The employee must continue to make**  
26 **any regular contributions to the cost of the health insurance premi-**  
27 **ums.**

28 “(b) **Notwithstanding ORS 652.610 (3) and except as provided in**  
29 **paragraph (a) of this subsection, if the employer is required or elects**  
30 **to pay any part of the costs of providing disability, life or other in-**



1 **urance coverage for an eligible employee during the period of family**  
2 **leave that should have been paid by the employee, the employer may**  
3 **deduct from the employee's pay such amounts upon the employee's**  
4 **return to work until the amount the employer advanced toward the**  
5 **payments is paid. In no event may the total amount deducted for in-**  
6 **urance under the provisions of this subsection exceed 10 percent of**  
7 **the employee's gross pay each period.**

8 “(3) An eligible employee who has taken leave described under subsection  
9 (1) of this section does not lose any employment benefits, including seniority  
10 or pension rights, accrued before the date on which the leave commenced.

11 “(4) It is an unlawful employment practice to discriminate against an el-  
12 igible employee who has invoked any provision of this chapter.

13 “(5) Nothing in this section entitles an eligible employee to accrue em-  
14 ployment benefits during a period of leave or to a right, benefit or position  
15 of employment other than a right, benefit or position to which the employee  
16 would have been entitled had the employee not taken leave.

17 “(6)(a) Nothing in this section requires an employer to retain a temporary  
18 worker who was hired to replace an eligible employee taking family leave,  
19 medical leave or safe leave after the eligible employee has returned to work.

20 “(b) A civil action may not be brought against an employer for taking any  
21 of the following actions necessary to restore an eligible employee to the po-  
22 sition of employment held by the employee as required under subsection (1)  
23 of this section:

24 “(A) Terminating the employment of a worker who was hired solely to  
25 temporarily replace an eligible employee during a period of leave; or

26 “(B) Removing an employee from a position to which the employee was  
27 transferred to temporarily replace an eligible employee while the eligible  
28 employee was on leave, and returning the employee to the position originally  
29 held by the employee prior to the transfer at the salary or rate of pay and  
30 benefits associated with the position.

1 “(c) An employer shall, either at the time of hire or before reassignment,  
2 inform a temporary worker or an employee who is reassigned to a position  
3 to temporarily replace an eligible employee during a period of leave of the  
4 information provided under this subsection.

5 “(7) The protections provided under this section apply only to an eligible  
6 employee who was employed by the employer for at least 90 days before  
7 taking leave described under subsection (1) of this section.

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9 **“UNIT CAPTIONS**

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11 **“SECTION 10. The unit captions used in this 2023 Act are provided**  
12 **only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the**  
13 **statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the**  
14 **enactment of this 2023 Act.**

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16 **“EFFECTIVE AND OPERATIVE DATES**

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18 **“SECTION 11. (1) Section 2 of this 2023 Act becomes operative on**  
19 **January 1, 2024.**

20 **“(2) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may**  
21 **adopt rules and take any other action before the operative date speci-**  
22 **fied in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the**  
23 **commissioner, on and after the operative date specified in subsection**  
24 **(1) of this section, to undertake and exercise all of the duties, func-**  
25 **tions and powers conferred on the commissioner under section 2 of**  
26 **this 2023 Act.**

27 **“SECTION 12. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate**  
28 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**  
29 **declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**