House Labor and Workplace Standards Committee

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Oregon Employment Department



Our Mission: Support Business and Promote Employment

Our Vision: An Oregon where meaningful work enables the state's diverse people and businesses to realize their full potential, creating prosperity in every community

Our Core Programs & Goals

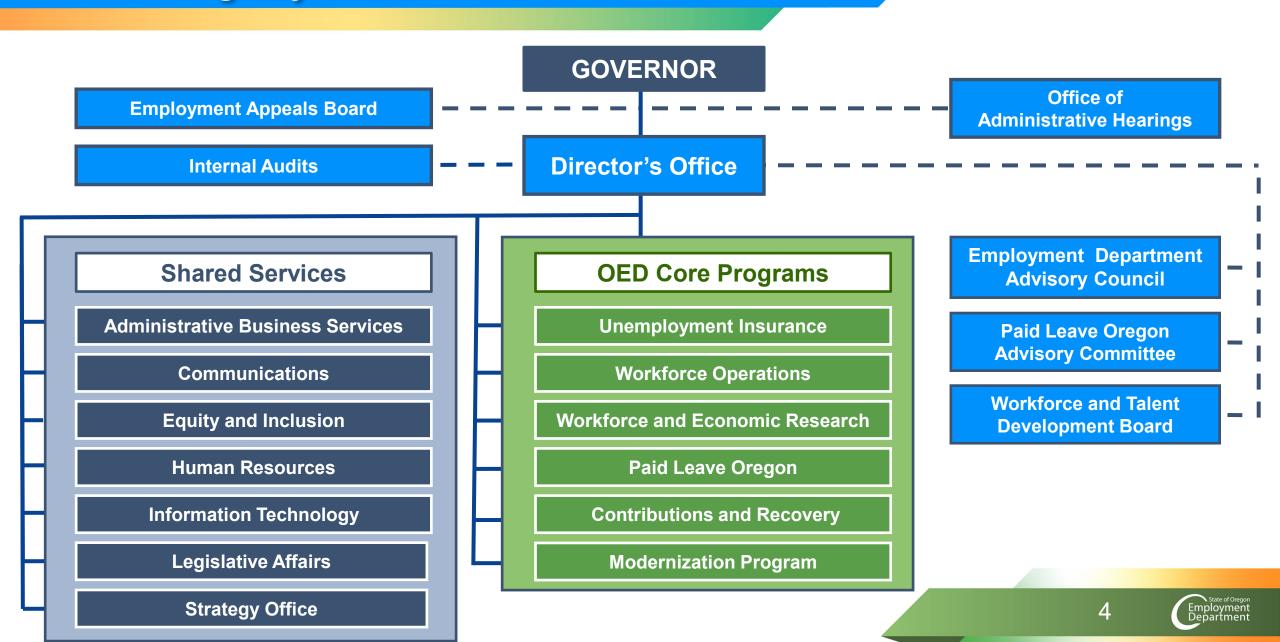
Workforce and Economic Research 1935

Contributions and Recovery 2023

Paid Leave Oregon 2019



Current Agency Structure



Current Status

Continued focus on UI and Paid Leave Oregon customer service

- Phones
- Electronic messages

- Paying benefits
- Resolving issues holding up payment

Frances Online

- Transition from project implementation to continuous improvement phase
- Continue to refine and respond to feedback

Modernization effort continues

Project to modernize Workforce Operations is next

Steady, sustainable improvement

- Maintain improvements already made
- Adjust business practices to best support customers through Frances Online



Legislation Overview

Agency Alignment Package:

- HB 3021: OED Housekeeping
- HB 3022: Other Agency Data Sharing
- SB 859: Paid Leave Oregon Waiver of Employer Penalties and Interest

Program Policy Bills

- HB 3024: Remove Reduction to UI Benefits Due to Disqualification
- SB 858: Paid Leave Oregon Various Changes and Technical Corrections



THANK YOU!

