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I have worked in/with Oregon worker's compensation claims and processing for over 25 years now. Currently Oregon's wage calculation structure is overly complex and highly litigated. While many of us agree low-wage earners deserve a higher take-home percentage than they currently receive, this bill, as currently presented and under review, is overly vague and will result in even more complication to an already over litigated, highly contentious, system. I would suggest setting a committee with the Oregon Worker's Compensation Division and other stake-holders (especially claims processing companies) to review Oregon's benefit structure and calculations overall, before proposing new legislation to fix our system and to provide appropriate benefits for all injured workers in the state.