

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 4027

Relating to relating to the Bureau of Labor and Industries

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

HB 4027 establishes the BOLI Expenses Fund, continuously appropriated to the Department of Consumer and Business Services, which is required to establish a workers' compensation assessment on wages paid in Oregon, using the existing Workers' Benefit Fund assessment mechanism.

Revenues from the new assessment rate must be deposited into the fund, and beginning July 1, 2029, moneys in the fund may be transferred to the Bureau of Labor and Industries to support the Commissioner's statutory duties, including enforcement of state employment laws.

The measure has minimum balance requirements for the fund, designed to create a reserve before expenditures begin. Beginning July 1, 2031, new positions funded by the assessment are capped at a total annual cost of \$5.25 million.

The measure also increases the maximum prevailing wage public works fee from \$7,500 to \$12,500. The measure has an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Department of Consumer and Business Services and the Bureau of Labor and Industries.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 4027 be reported out do pass.