



December 20, 2024

**Annual report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly
relating to Senate Bill 592 (2023)**

Senate Interim Committee On Labor and Business

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During the 2023 legislative session, the Oregon Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 592, which amended the Oregon Safe Employment Act (ORS 654.067 and 654.086) and included an annual legislative reporting requirement. Specifically, this measure requires the director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services to submit a report at least annually to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to business and labor that summarizes the following Oregon OSHA activities:

- a) The total number and total amount of penalties assessed by the department (Table 1).
- b) The total number of appeals of citations, violations and penalty assessments filed with the department (Table 2).
- c) The total number of inspections completed by the department, along with the scope of the inspections and the circumstances that led to the inspections (Table 3).

The present report represents annual data collected for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2024, from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024, which includes 9 months (from the opening conference date) of the penalty structure enacted by SB 592.

Table 1 – Penalty Data for FFY 2024

Total number of violations with penalties	2,945
Total amount of penalties assessed	\$11,337,719

Table 2 – Appeal Data for FFY 2024

Total number of appealed citations	293
Total number of violations appealed	848
Total penalty of appealed citations	\$3,475,782

Note: Employers have 30 days to appeal a citation or violation from the date the citation is received.

Table 3 – Inspection Scopes and Circumstances (Type) for FFY 2024

Inspection Scope	
Comprehensive – A substantially complete inspection of the establishment	870
Partial – An inspection with focus limited to certain potentially hazardous areas, operations, conditions, or practices at the establishment	2,355
Total (All)	3,225
Inspection Type	
Accident – A systematic appraisal of an accident sequence to determine causal factors, corrective actions and preventive measures	123
Complaint – An inspection made in response to a complaint	1,433
Fatality/catastrophe – A systematic appraisal of an accident sequence to determine causal factors, corrective actions and preventative measures in which a worker is fatality injured, or three or more employees are admitted to a hospital or to an equivalent medical facility.	34
Programmed planned – An inspection made from a scheduling list or other planned activity	1,365
For cause – An inspection made in response to: an accident investigation revealed that a violation has caused or contributed to a work-related fatality; three or more willful violations occur at a place of employment within a 12-month period; three or more repeat violations occur at a place of employment within a 12-month period; or an employer has a history of noncompliance and the administrator deems a comprehensive inspection is necessary for the protection of employees	5
Referral – An inspection made in response to a referral from an Oregon OSHA employee, other federal, state or local government representatives, or the media	126
All other inspection types*	139

*(Follow-up, monitoring, programmed related, unprogrammed related)

Oregon OSHA submitted the first report as required by SB 592 (2023) in September 2024. To align with the FFY data collection and reporting and other federal reporting requirements, Oregon OSHA will submit this annual report in December each year. Oregon OSHA is evaluating additional ways to present the data, such as by month or quarter, and welcome your suggestions on how to improve this reporting.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this committee information about the implementation of Senate 592 (2023). Please contact me with any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew R. Stolfi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "A" and "S".

Andrew R. Stolfi
Director/Insurance Commissioner
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