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Oregon Paycheck Fairness Act (HB 2007) passes key committee

Labor Commissioner Avakian praises effort to increase transparency, retaliation protection

Portland, OR—Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian today issued the following statement after the Senate Committee on Workforce passed [HB 2007](#), a measure that prohibits retaliation against workers who discuss salary information with colleagues. The measure – previously passed by the Oregon House 34-24 – will now head to the Senate floor.

“Oregon’s pay gap doesn’t just hurt women and people of color, it hurts everyone.

By creating greater pay transparency, we can protect employees from retaliation and take an important step in the fight for equal pay. That’s good for individual workers, but also communities around the state.

I appreciate the hard work of supporters, coalition members and legislators in helping move this common sense measure forward.”

A 2014 report by the Oregon Council on Civil Rights, *Pay Inequality in Oregon*, recommended the measure as part of the larger effort to strengthen protections against pay discrimination. Organizations and individuals such as Family Forward Oregon, Lilly Ledbetter, AAUW and the Oregon Council on Civil Rights support the measure.

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