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BOLI announces sick time related seminars for employers
Seminars planned for Metro areas, Central, Southern and Eastern Oregon

PORTLAND, OR—The Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) will hold a series of sick time-related seminars starting in December so that employers can learn about Oregon’s new requirements set to take effect next year, the agency announced today.

Passed by the 2015 Oregon Legislature, SB 454 expands access to sick time for hundreds of thousands of workers who currently do not have access to any paid time off when they’re ill or caring for a sick child or spouse.

Compliance experts will hold the first seminar in December, followed by a series of statewide seminars in early 2016.

“Oregon’s new sick time law will strengthen the health and economic security of thousands of working families around the state,” said Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian. **“We’re committed to implementing the law in a way that works for employers and employees alike and hope that these seminars will prepare workplaces around the state for the new protections.”**

Sick leave seminar 1: Portland

Date: Friday, December 18

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon, Room 1B, Portland (in the Lloyd District)

Registration for the December seminar is closed, but additional seminars from January to March will help employers navigate Oregon’s new protections. To reserve a spot, employers can email the agency at bolita@boli.state.or.us. Attendance at each is \$25.

Sick leave seminars, 2016:

January		
January 6	Portland	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. 1:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
January 20	Eugene	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
January 21	Medford	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
January 22	Roseburg	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
February		

February 8	Coos Bay	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
February 9	Florence	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
February 10	Lincoln City	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
February 11	Tillamook	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
February 12	Astoria	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
February 22	Portland	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
February 23	Ashland	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
February 23	Grants Pass	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
February 24	Klamath Falls	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
February 25	Bend	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
		1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
February 29	Ontario	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
March		
March 1	Baker City	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
March 2	Enterprise	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
March 2	La Grande	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
March 3	Pendleton	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
March 4	The Dalles	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
March 10	Portland	1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
March 16	Eugene	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

(Registration is open while locations are being secured and finalized. Interested employers can visit the agency's Technical Assistance for Employers website [here](#).)

Final rules for Oregon leave can be found online [here](#). Additional fact sheets, sample sick time accrual notice templates, sick leave notice posters for employees (that, while not mandatory, can satisfy notice requirements) and other resources are [also available](#) from the agency's Technical Assistance for Employers Program.

A diverse advisory committee comprised of employers, labor organizations, legislators, agricultural and farm sector representatives, and family policy advocates assisted BOLI in the rulemaking process.

Employers can contact the agency with sick time or other employment questions at (971) 673-0824.

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