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**MINIMUM WAGES**

**653.010 Definitions for ORS 653.010 to 653.261.** As used in ORS 653.010 to 653.261, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Commission" means the Wage and Hour Commission.

(2) "Employ" includes to suffer or permit to work; however, "employ" does not include permitting voluntary service without compensation to a religious or charitable nonprofit institution.

(3) "Employer" means any person who employs another person.

(4) "Labor Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries.

(5) "Minor" means any person under 18 years of age.

(6) "Occupation" means any occupation, service, trade, business, industry, or branch or group of industries or employment or class of employment in which employes are gainfully employed.

(7) "Organized camp" means a day or resident camp, whether or not operated for profit, established to give campers recreational, creative or educational experience in cooperative group living wherein the activities are conducted on a closely supervised basis, whether or not the camp is used primarily by an organized group or by members of the public and whether or not the activities or facilities are furnished free of charge or for the payment of a fee.

(8) "Outside salesman" means any employe who is employed for the purpose of and who is customarily and regularly engaged away from his employer's place or places of business in making sales, or obtaining orders, or obtaining contracts for services and whose hours of work of any other nature for the employer do not exceed 30 percent of the hours worked in the workweek by the nonexempt employes of the employer.

(9) "Wages" means compensation due to an employe by reason of his employment, payable in legal tender of the United States or check on banks convertible into cash on demand at full face value, subject to such deductions, charges or allowances as are permitted in ORS 653.035.

(10) "Work time" includes both time

worked and time of authorized attendance. [1967 c.596 §2; 1979 c.153 §2]

**653.015 Statement of policy.** It is declared to be the policy of the State of Oregon to establish minimum wage standards for workers at levels consistent with their health, efficiency and general well-being. [1967 c.596 §1]

**653.020 Excluded employes.** ORS 653.010 to 653.261 does not apply to any of the following employes:

(1) An individual employed in agriculture if:

(a) Such individual is employed by an employer who did not, during any calendar quarter during the preceding year use more than 500 man-days of agricultural labor;

(b) Such individual is the parent, spouse, child or other member of his employer's immediate family;

(c) Such individual:

(A) Is employed as a hand harvest laborer and is paid on a piece-rate basis in an operation which has been, and is customarily and generally recognized as having been, paid on a piece-rate basis in the region of employment;

(B) Commutes daily from his permanent residence to the farm on which he is so employed; and

(C) Has been employed in agricultural labor less than 13 weeks during the preceding calendar year;

(d) Such individual, other than an individual described in paragraph (c) of this subsection:

(A) Is 16 years of age or under and is employed as a hand harvest laborer, is paid on a piece-rate basis in an operation which has been, and is customarily and generally recognized as having been, paid on a piece-rate basis in the region of employment;

(B) Is employed on the same farm as his parent or person standing in the place of his parent; and

(C) Is paid at the same piece rate as employes over 16 years of age on the same farm; or

(e) Such employe is principally engaged in the range production of livestock.

(2) An individual employed in domestic service in or about a family home.

(3) An individual engaged in administrative, executive or professional work who:

(a) Performs predominantly intellectual, managerial or creative tasks;

(b) Exercises discretion and independent judgment; and

(c) Earns more than \$650 per month on a salary basis.

(4) An individual employed by the United States, or this state, or a political subdivision or quasi-municipal corporation thereof.

(5) An individual who is employed by an institution whose function is primarily education, and in which he is an enrolled student.

(6) An individual engaged in the capacity of an outside salesman or taxicab operator.

(7) Any person regulated under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, except as provided in subsection (3) of ORS 653.035.

(8) An individual employed to work in his own home.

(9) An individual domiciled at a place of employment for purpose of being available for emergency or occasional duties.

(10) An individual paid for specified hours of employment, the only purpose of which is to be available for recall to duty.

(11) An individual domiciled at multiunit accommodations designed to provide other people with temporary or permanent lodging, for the purpose of maintenance, management or assisting in the management of same.

(12) An individual employed on a seasonal basis at an educational or organized camp that generates gross annual income of less than \$275,000.

(13) An individual employed at a nonprofit conference ground or center operated for educational, charitable or religious purposes. [1967 c.596 §3; 1971 c.758 §3; 1973 c.383 §1, 1977 c.238 §1, 1979 c.153 §1]

**653.022 "Man-day" defined for ORS 653.020.** As used in subsection (1) of ORS 653.020, "man-day" means any day during which an employe performs any agricultural labor for not less than one hour. For the purposes of this section, "employe" does not include any individual:

(1) Employed by an employer in agriculture if such individual is the parent, spouse, child or other member of the employer's immediate family; or

(2) Who is employed by an employer engaged in agriculture if such individual:

(a) Is employed as a hand harvest laborer and is paid on a piece-rate basis in an operation which has been, and is customarily and generally recognized as having been, paid on a piece-rate basis in the region of employment;

(b) Commutes daily from his permanent residence to the farm on which he is so employed; and

(c) Has been employed in agriculture less than 13 weeks during the preceding calendar year. [1971 c.758 §2]

**653.025 Minimum wage rate.** Except as provided by ORS 652.020 and the rules of the commission issued under ORS 653.030 and 653.261, for each hour of work time that the employe is gainfully employed, no employer shall employ or agree to employ any employe at wages computed at a rate lower than:

(1) For the period July 1, 1979, to December 31, 1979, \$2.65.

(2) For the calendar year 1980, \$2.90.

(3) For calendar years after December 31, 1980, \$3.10. [1967 c.596 §4; 1973 c.403 §3; 1975 c.504 §1; 1979 c.832 §1; 1979 c.886 §1]

**653.027 Wage rate for persons under 18 years of age.** An employer who employs individuals under 18 years of age in agricultural labor and who pays such individuals by the amount of work produced or services rendered shall pay such individuals the same rate of payment for the work produced or services required as paid to individuals over 18 years of age. [1973 c.403 §2]

**653.029 Minimum wage rate for persons employed in agriculture.** Individuals employed in agriculture who are not exempted under ORS 653.020 shall receive not less than:

(1) For the period July 1, 1979, to December 31, 1979, \$2.30.

(2) For calendar year 1980, \$2.65.

(3) For calendar years after December 31, 1980, \$2.90. [1975 c.504 §2; 1977 c.238 §2; 1979 c.832 §2]

**653.030 Wage and Hour Commission may prescribe lower rates in certain cases.** The commission shall issue rules prescribing the employment of other types of persons at fixed minimum hourly wage rates lower than the minimum wage rate required by ORS 653.025, when the commission has determined that the application of ORS 653.025 would substantially curtail opportunities for employment for specific types of per-

sons. The types of persons for whom a minimum hourly wage rate may be set include, but are not limited to, persons who are mentally or physically handicapped or who have exceeded 65 years of age or who are students-learners, as defined in ORS 653.070. [1967 c.596 §5 (1); 1973 c.403 §4; 1979 c.886 §2]

**653.035 Deducting value of lodging, meals and other benefits furnished by employer; treatment of commissions and tips.** (1) Employers may deduct from the minimum wage to be paid employes under ORS 653.025, 653.030 or 653.261, the fair market value of lodging, meals or other facilities or services furnished by the employer for the private benefit of the employe.

(2) Employers may include commission payments to employes as part of the applicable minimum wage for any pay period in which the combined wage and commission earnings of the employe will comply with ORS 653.010 to 653.261. In any pay period where the combined wage and commission payments to the employe do not add up to the applicable minimum wage under ORS 653.010 to 653.261, the employer shall pay the minimum rate as prescribed in ORS 653.010 to 653.261.

(3) Employers, including employers regulated under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, may not include any amount received by employes as tips in determining the amount of the minimum wage required to be paid by ORS 653.010 to 653.261. [1967 c.596 §§6, 7; 1977 c.238 §3]

**653.040 Powers of commission.** The commission, in addition to its other powers, may:

(1) Investigate and ascertain the wages of persons employed in any occupation or place of employment in the state.

(2) Require from an employer statements, including sworn statements, with respect to wages, hours, names and addresses and such other information pertaining to his employes or their employment as the commission considers necessary to carry out ORS 653.010 to 653.261.

(3) Make such rules as it considers appropriate to carry out the purposes of ORS 653.010 to 653.261, or necessary to prevent the circumvention or evasion of ORS 653.010 to 653.261 and to safeguard the minimum wage rates set under ORS 653.010 to 653.261. [1967 c.596 §8]

**653.045 Records to be kept by employers; itemization of deductions from wages.** (1) Every employer required by ORS 653.025 or by any rule, order or permit issued under ORS 653.030 to pay a minimum wage to any of his employes shall make and keep available to the commission for not less than two years, a record or records containing:

(a) The name, address and occupation of each of his employes.

(b) The actual hours worked each week and each pay period by each employe.

(c) Such other information as the commission prescribes by its rules if necessary or appropriate for the enforcement of ORS 653.010 to 653.261 or of the rules, orders, and licenses issued thereunder.

(2) Each employer shall keep the records required by subsection (1) of this section open for inspection or transcription by the commission at any reasonable time.

(3) Every employer of one or more employes covered by ORS 653.010 to 653.261 shall supply each of his employes with itemized statements of amounts and purposes of deductions in the manner provided in ORS 652.610. [1967 c.596 §9]

**653.050 Employers to post summary of law and copy of rules; commission to furnish summaries and copies.** Every employer required by ORS 653.025 or by any rules, orders or permit issued under ORS 653.030, 653.261 or 653.305 to pay a minimum wage to any of his employes shall keep summaries of ORS 653.010 to 653.261 and summaries of all rules promulgated by the Wage and Hour Commission posted in a conspicuous and accessible place in or about the premises where such employes are employed. Employers shall be furnished copies of these summaries by the commission without charge. In addition, upon request, the Wage and Hour Commission shall furnish the complete text of all its rules to any employer without charge. [1967 c.596 §10; 1977 c.238 §4]

**653.055 Liability of noncomplying employer; contrary agreements no defense; wage claims; suits to enjoin future violations.** (1) Any employer who pays an employe less than the wages to which the employe is entitled under ORS 653.010 to 653.261 is liable to the employe affected:

(a) For the full amount of the wages, less any amount actually paid to the employe by the employer; and

(b) For costs and such reasonable attorney fees as are allowed by the court.

(c) For civil penalties provided in ORS 652.150.

(2) Any agreement between an employe and an employer to work at less than the wage rate required by ORS 653.010 to 653.261 is no defense to an action under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries has the same powers and duties in connection with a wage claim based on ORS 653.010 to 653.261 as he has under ORS 652.310 to 652.445 and in addition he may, without the necessity of assignments of wage claims from employes, initiate suits against employers to enjoin future failures to pay required minimum wages or overtime pay and to require the payment of minimum wages and overtime pay due employes but not paid as of the time of the filing of suit. The commissioner is entitled to recover, in addition to other costs, such sum as the court or judge may adjudge reasonable as attorney fees. He may join in a single proceeding and in one cause of suit any number of wage claims against the same employer. If the commissioner does not prevail in such action, he shall pay all costs, disbursements and such sum as the court or judge may adjudge reasonable as attorney fees from the Bureau of Labor and Industries Account. [1967 c.596 §11; 1977 c.513 §1]

**653.060 Discharging or discriminating against employe prohibited in certain cases.** No employer shall discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employe:

(1) Because the employe has made complaint that he has not been paid wages in accordance with ORS 653.010 to 653.261.

(2) Because the employe has caused to be instituted or is about to cause to be instituted any proceedings under or related to ORS 653.010 to 653.261.

(3) Because the employe has testified or is about to testify in any such proceedings. [1967 c.596 §12]

**653.065 Application of Administrative Procedures Act.** (1) All proceedings under ORS 653.010 to 653.261 shall be conducted in compliance with ORS 183.310 to 183.500.

(2) All rules of the commission under ORS

653.010 to 653.261 shall be issued in compliance with ORS 183.310 to 183.500. [1967 c.596 §13]

**653.070 Student-learners special wage; conditions; rules by State Board of Education; effect upon employer of failure to comply.** (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Bona fide vocational training program" includes any vocational training program approved by the State Board of Education which provides for part-time employment training which may be scheduled for a part of the workday or workweek, for alternating weeks or for other limited periods during the year, supplemented by and integrated with a definitely organized plan of instruction designed to teach technical knowledge and related information given as a regular part of the student-learner's course by an accredited school, college or university.

(b) "Student-learner" means a student who is receiving instruction in an accredited school, college or university and who is employed on a part-time basis, pursuant to a bona fide vocational training program.

(2) Notwithstanding ORS 653.025, employers shall pay student-learners at least 75 percent of the minimum wage prescribed by ORS 653.025.

(3) The number of hours of employment training for a student-learner at subminimum wages, when added to the hours of school instruction, shall not exceed eight hours on any day or 40 hours in any week.

(4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules prescribing the procedures and requirements for application and issuance of special certificates authorizing the employment of student-learners at subminimum wages. The rules shall require that the following conditions be satisfied before the issuance of such special certificates:

(a) The employment of the student-learner at subminimum wages authorized by the special certificate must be necessary to prevent curtailment of opportunities for employment.

(b) The occupation for which the student-learner is receiving preparatory training must require a sufficient degree of skill to necessitate a substantial learning period.

(c) The training must not be for the purpose of acquiring manual dexterity and high production speed in repetitive operations.

(d) The employment of a student-learner must not have the effect of displacing a worker employed in the establishment.

(e) The employment of the student-learners at subminimum wages must not tend to impair or depress the wage rates or working standards established for experienced workers for work of a like or comparable character.

(f) The occupational needs of the community or industry warrant the training of student-learners.

(g) There are no serious outstanding violations of the provisions of a student-learner certificate previously issued to the employer, or serious violations of any other provisions of law by the employer which provide reasonable grounds to conclude that the terms of the certificate would not be complied with, if issued.

(h) The issuance of such a certificate would not tend to prevent the development of apprenticeship under ORS chapter 660 or would not impair established apprenticeship standards in the occupation or industry involved.

(i) The number of student-learners to be employed in one establishment must not be more than a small proportion of its working force.

(5) Failure to comply with subsection (2) or (3) of this section shall subject the employer to a penalty of 75 percent of the minimum wage prescribed by ORS 653.025 for each hour of work time that the student-learner is gainfully employed. The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall have a cause of action against the employer for the recovery of the penalty. [1979 c.886 §5]

*Note:* 653 070 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly and added to ORS chapter 653 by legislative action but not made a part of any series therein See the Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

653.105 [Amended by 1953 c.123 §2; repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

653.110 [Repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

653.115 [Repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

653.120 [Repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

653.125 [Repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

653.205 [Amended by 1961 c.337 §1; repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

653.210 [Repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

653.215 [Repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

653.220 [Repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

653.225 [Repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

653.230 [Repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

653.235 [Repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

653.240 [Repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

653.245 [Repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

653.250 [Repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

653.255 [Repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

653.260 [Repealed by 1967 c 596 §15]

## GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS

**653.261 Minimum employment conditions; exempt employments.** (1) The commission may issue rules prescribing such minimum conditions of employment, excluding minimum wages, in any occupation as may be necessary for the preservation of the health of employes. Such rules may include, but are not limited to, minimum meal periods and rest periods, and maximum hours of work, but not less than eight hours per day or 40 hours per week; however, after 40 hours of work in one week overtime may be paid, but in no case at a rate higher than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay of such employes when computed without benefit of commissions, overrides, spiffs and similar benefits.

(2) Nothing contained in ORS 653.010 to 653.261 shall be construed to confer authority upon the commission to regulate the hours of employment of employes engaged in production, harvesting, packing, curing, canning, freezing or drying any variety of agricultural crops, livestock, poultry or fish. [1967 c.596 §5 (2), (3); 1971 c.492 §1]

**653.265 Overtime for persons employed in canneries, driers and packing plants.** When employed in canneries or driers or packing plants, excluding canneries or driers or packing plants located on farms and primarily processing products produced on such farms, employes shall be paid time and a half for time over 10 hours per day and piece workers shall be paid one and a half the regular prices for all work done during the time they are employed over 10 hours per day. [Amended by 1971 c.492 §2]

653.270 [Repealed by 1967 c 596 §15]

653.275 [Repealed by 1967 c.596 §15]

**653.280 Employer to safeguard employe's trade equipment.** (1) An employer shall take all reasonable precautions to safeguard all trade equipment which is owned by an employe and is located on premises under the employer's control.

(2) As used in ORS 653.285 and this section, unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) "Employer" and "employe" have the meaning provided for those terms in ORS 652.310.

(b) "Trade equipment" is limited to musical instruments and sound equipment.

(c) "Premises" means the place where the employer and his employe are engaged in the furtherance of a common enterprise or the accomplishment of the same or related purposes in operation. [1975 c.488 §7]

**653.285 Liability of employer.** If an employe's trade equipment is damaged upon or stolen from premises under the employer's control as a proximate cause of the employer's failure to comply with ORS 653.280 the employe has a right to file an action against the employer, and the employer is liable, for financial settlement as is needed to repair or replace the equipment. If an employe seeking to recover for damage to or theft of trade equipment prevails on such action, he shall be awarded his reasonable attorney fees. [1975 c.488 §8]

**653.295 Noncompetition agreements unenforceable unless entered into upon initial employment; applicability of restriction.** (1) A noncompetition agreement entered into between an employer and his employe is void and shall not be enforced by any court in this state unless the agreement is entered into upon the initial employment of the employe with the employer.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section applies only to noncompetition agreements made in the context of an employment relationship or contract and not otherwise.

(3) Subsection (1) of this section applies only to noncompetition agreements entered into after July 22, 1977.

(4) As used in this section:

(a) "Employe" and "employer" have the meaning provided for those terms in ORS 652.310; and

(b) "Noncompetition agreement" means an agreement, written or oral, express or implied, between an employer and employe under

which the employe agrees that he, either by himself or as an employe of another person, shall not compete with the employer in providing products, processes or services, that are similar to the employer's products, processes or services for a period of time or within a specified geographic area after termination of employment. [1977 c.646 §2]

## EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS

**653.305 Inquiry and order on employment of minors.** (1) The commission may at any time inquire into wages or hours or conditions of labor of minors employed in any occupation in this state and determine suitable hours and conditions of labor for such minors.

(2) When the commission has made such determination, it may issue an obligatory order in compliance with ORS 183.310 to 183.500.

(3) After such order is effective, no employer in the occupation affected shall employ a minor for more hours or under different conditions of labor than are specified or required by the order; but no such order nor the commission shall authorize or permit the employment of any minor for more hours per day or per week than the maximum fixed by law or at times or under conditions prohibited by law. [Amended by 1967 c.596 §16; 1979 c.886 §3]

**653.307 Issuance of employment certificates by commission; effect of failure by employer to comply; school districts required to cooperate in certificate issuance.** (1) The Wage and Hour Commission shall provide a method for issuing employment certificates to minors and employment certificates to employers for the employment of minors in accordance with rules and regulations which it may hereafter adopt pursuant to the provisions of ORS 183.310 to 183.500, and shall by such rules and regulations require reports from employers employing minors.

(2) Failure by an employer to comply with ORS 653.305 to 653.340 or with the regulations adopted by the Wage and Hour Commission pursuant to this section shall subject the employer to revocation of the right to hire minors in the future at the discretion of the Wage and Hour Commission, provided that an employer shall be granted a hearing before the Wage and Hour Commission prior to such action being taken.

(3) All school districts shall cooperate with the Wage and Hour Commission and make available upon request of the commission, information concerning the age and schooling of minors who have applied for or been issued an employment certificate. [1971 c.626 §2]

**653.310 Person under age 18 to work only if employer has employment certificate on file; list of minor employes.** No child under 18 years of age shall be employed or permitted to work in any employment listed in subsection (2) of ORS 653.320, unless the person employing him procures and keeps on file and accessible to the school authorities of the district where such child resides, and to the police and the commission an employment certificate as prescribed by the rules and regulations adopted by the Wage and Hour Commission pursuant to ORS 653.307, and keeps a complete list of all such children employed therein. [Amended by 1971 c.626 §3]

**653.315 Working hours for children under 16 years of age; exceptions; meal times; posting notice of hours.** (1) No child under 16 years of age shall be employed for longer than 10 hours for any one day, nor more than six days in any one week.

(2) No child under 16 years of age shall be employed at any work before 7 a.m. or after 6 p.m., except for those:

- (a) Employed in agriculture.
- (b) Employed in youth camps. The term "youth camps" means those camps operated and maintained primarily for the supervised recreation and education of youth of either sex during the public school vacation periods.

(c) Employed as newspaper carrier or vendor.

(d) Employed under a special permit which may be issued by the Wage and Hour Commission, after investigation and good cause shown therefor, allowing the minor to be employed after the hour of 6 p.m., but not after the hour of 10 p.m. nor before the hour of 7 a.m., in suitable work which is not detrimental to his physical and moral well-being. The Wage and Hour Commission or its representatives shall investigate periodically the conditions of labor for which the special permit has been issued, to determine whether or not the permit should be continued.

(e) Employed in or about private residences at domestic work, chores and child care. This exception does not extend to employment

in places where child care or training is carried on as an occupation.

(3) Every child under 16 years of age is entitled to not less than 30 minutes for meal time at noon, but such meal time shall not be included as part of the work hours of the day.

(4) Every employer of children under 16 years of age shall post in a conspicuous place where such minors are employed, a printed notice stating the maximum work hours required in one week, and in every day of the week from such minors. [Amended by 1957 c.419 §1; 1961 c.205 §1]

**653.320 Employment of children under 14 years; exceptions; notice of access to Wage and Hour Commission.** (1) No child under the age of 14 years shall be employed in any work, or labor of any form for wages or other compensation to whomsoever payable, during the term when the public schools of the town, district or city in which he resides are in session.

(2) No child under 14 years of age shall be employed or permitted to work in, or in connection with, any factory, workshop, mercantile establishment, store, business office, restaurant, bakery, hotel or apartment house.

(3) The Wage and Hour Commission may allow children between the ages of 12 and 14 to be employed in any suitable work during any school vacation extending over a term of two weeks and may issue permits therefor. The commission shall exercise careful discretion as to the character of such employment and its effect on the physical and moral well-being of the child.

(4) Exceptions may be made by the Wage and Hour Commission exempting a minor or class of minors from the above provisions. The child so employed under this provision shall be given notice of confidential access to the Wage and Hour Commission. [Amended by 1971 c.625 §1]

**653.325** [Repealed by 1967 c.527 §3]

**653.326 Employing vocationally trained minors in employment otherwise prohibited.** (1) The Wage and Hour Commission may by special permit authorize a child under 18 years of age to engage in employment otherwise prohibited by law if the child has successfully completed vocational training for such employment conducted by any school district, or training that the commission considers equivalent thereto, and the child:

(a) Has graduated from high school; or

(b) Is employed during such time as public schools are not in session for a period exceeding 30 days.

(2) The commission or its representatives shall investigate periodically the conditions of the employment for which a special permit has been issued, to determine whether or not the permit should be continued. [1967 c.347 §2]

**653.330 Employment of minors in certain logging operations prohibited.** No person shall employ or allow:

(1) Any person under the age of 18 years to act as engineer of or have charge of or operate any logging engines used in logging operations.

(2) Any person under the age of 16 years to act in the capacity of giving signals to the engineer in logging operations or receiving and forwarding such signals.

**653.335 Elevator operators to be over 18.** No person shall employ or allow any person under the age of 18 years to run, operate or have charge of, any elevator used for the purpose of carrying either persons or property.

**653.340 Employment of minors as messengers and delivery boys.** (1) No person under the age of 18 years shall be employed or permitted to work as a messenger for a telegraph or messenger company or anyone engaged in such a business in the distribution, transmission or delivery of goods or messages before 5 a.m. or after 10 p.m.

(2) No person under the age of 16 years shall be employed or permitted to work in the telegraph, telephone or public messenger service.

**653.345 Declaration of policy.** The Legislative Assembly finds that the crops of berry and bean growers in Oregon are imperiled by the federal law prohibiting the employment of youthful agricultural workers. Since suitable replacements for such workers are not available, the long established use of youthful berry and bean pickers must be permitted to the extent that it does not interfere with interstate commerce and federal law. The Legislative Assembly further finds that such agricultural employment is healthful, a good introduction to the work ethic and develops an understanding of the role of agriculture in society. [1975 c.422 §1]

**653.350 Employment of children under 12 years for certain agricultural labor; conditions.** (1) An individual who is less than 12 years of age but not less than nine years of age may be employed to pick berries and beans in this state outside of school hours if:

(a) The individual is employed with the consent of the child's parent or guardian;

(b) The berries and beans picked are sold within the state only and not transported out of this state in any form;

(c) The Assistant Director for Employment or his designee certifies that there are not sufficient workers available in the immediate area to harvest the berry or bean crop without the employment of youthful pickers; and

(d) The individual is paid at the same rate as other employes of the employer who are 12 years of age or older and are engaged in picking berries or beans.

(2) Each basket or container holding berries, berry products, beans or bean products picked by individuals who are less than 12 years of age must be distinctively marked so as to prevent the berries, berry products, beans or bean products from entering interstate commerce. [1975 c.422 §2]

**653.355 Exemption of certain employers.** Nothing in ORS 653.345 to 653.355 shall apply to employers which are exempt from the child labor provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. [1975 c.422 §3]

**653.360 Employment of minors in certain boating and commercial fishing situations.** Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 653.305 to 653.360:

(1) Minors 16 years of age and 17 years of age may be employed as assistants on chartered fishing or pleasure boats.

(2) Minors 14 years of age and 15 years of age may be employed at dock areas used by chartered fishing or pleasure boats.

(3) Minors less than 18 years of age may be employed on commercial fishing vessels without an employment permit when employed and supervised by the minor's grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, brother, sister, uncle or aunt. [1979 c.626 §2]

653.405 [Repealed by 1971 c.626 §7]

653.410 [Repealed by 1971 c.626 §7]

653.415 [Repealed by 1971 c.626 §7]

653.420 [Repealed by 1971 c.626 §7]

653.425 [Repealed by 1971 c.626 §7]

653.430 [Repealed by 1971 c.626 §7]

653.435 [Repealed by 1971 c.626 §7]

653.440 [Repealed by 1971 c.626 §7]

653.445 [Amended by 1967 c.67 §23; repealed by 1971 c.626 §7]

**WAGE AND HOUR COMMISSION**

**653.505 Wage and Hour Commission; appointment; confirmation; term; vacancies.** (1) The Wage and Hour Commission is established and shall be composed of three commissioners who shall be appointed by the Governor for the term of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. In selection of the members of the commission, the Governor shall give due consideration to the interests of labor, industry and the public. Not more than two of the members of said commission shall belong to the same political party.

(2) Upon the expiration of the term of any commissioner, the Governor shall appoint a successor.

(3) The Governor shall fill any vacancy on the commission by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term in which the vacancy occurs.

(4) All appointments of members of the commission by the Governor are subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner provided in ORS 171.560 and 171.570.

[Amended by 1967 c.596 §17; 1973 c.792 §27]

**653.510 Organization of commission; chairman; quorum; compensation and expenses.** (1) On or before January 20 of each year, the commissioners shall elect a chairman. Each chairman shall hold his position until his successor is elected.

(2) A majority of the commissioners shall constitute a quorum to transact business. The act or decision of such majority is considered the act or decision of the commission. No vacancy shall impair the right of the remaining commissioners to exercise all the powers of the commission.

(3) Each commissioner is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495. [Amended by 1961 c.337 §2; 1969 c.314 §68]

**653.515 Commissioner as secretary; personnel and expenses.** (1) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries

shall be the secretary and executive officer of the Wage and Hour Commission.

(2) The secretary of the commission may employ such clerical assistance and incur such expenses as may be necessary in performing his duties.

**653.520 Duties of commission generally.** The Wage and Hour Commission shall administer, execute and carry out the provisions of ORS 653.010 to 653.545 and 653.991.

[Amended by 1975 c.605 §30]

**653.525 Rules and regulations of commission.** The commission may prepare, adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the carrying into effect of ORS 653.305, 653.315 and 653.505 to 653.540, including rules and regulations for the selection of members and the mode of procedure of conferences. [Amended by 1961 c 205 §2]

**653.530 Meetings and hearings of commission; power to subpoena and administer oaths; expenses of witnesses.** (1) The commission may hold meetings for the transaction of any of its business at such times and places as it may prescribe.

(2) The commission may hold public hearings at such times and places as it deems fit and proper for the purpose of investigating any of the matters it is authorized to investigate under ORS 653.125 or 653.535.

(3) At any such public hearing any person interested in the matter being investigated may appear and testify.

(4) The commission may subpoena and compel the attendance of any witness at any such public hearing or at any session of any conference called and held as provided in ORS 653.205 to 653.235. Any commissioner may administer an oath to any witness who testifies at any such public hearing or at any such session of any conference.

(5) All witnesses subpoenaed by the commission shall be paid the same mileage and per diem as are allowed by law to witnesses in civil cases before the Circuit Court of Multnomah County.

**653.535 Investigating compliance with orders; prosecution for violation.** The commission shall, from time to time, investigate and ascertain whether or not employers are observing and complying with its orders and take such steps as may be necessary to prosecute such employers as are not observing or complying with its orders.

**653.540 Assistance for commissioner.**

The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall, at all times, give to the commission any information or statistics in his office that would assist the commission in carrying out ORS 653.305, 653.505 to 653.535 and render such assistance to the commission as is consistent with the performance of his official duties.

**653.545 Visitation rights of commission; prosecution of offenses against child labor laws.** (1) The commission or anyone authorized by the commission in writing may visit the factories, workshops and mercantile establishments in their several towns and cities and ascertain whether any minors are employed therein contrary to ORS 653.310 to 653.320, 653.340 and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Wage and Hour Commission pursuant to ORS 653.307 and shall report any cases of illegal employment to the proper school authorities and to the district attorney of the county. The commission may require that the employment certificates and lists of minors employed in such factories, workshops, or mercantile establishments, shall be produced for their inspection.

(2) The commission shall bring complaints for offenses under ORS 653.310 to 653.320 and 653.340 to the attention of the proper district attorney who shall prosecute such offenses. [Amended by 1971 c.626 §4]

**653.600** [1973 c.564 §2; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.605** [1973 c.564 §1; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.610** [1973 c.564 §6; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.615** [1973 c.564 §3; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.620** [1973 c.564 §5; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.625** [1973 c.564 §7; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.630** [1973 c.564 §8; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.635** [1973 c.564 §11; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.640** [1973 c.564 §9; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.645** [1973 c.564 §10; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.650** [1973 c.564 §12; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.655** [1973 c.564 §13; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.675** [1973 c.564 §14; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.680** [1973 c.564 §15; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.685** [1973 c.564 §17; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.690** [1973 c.564 §18; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.695** [1973 c.564 §19; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**653.700** [1973 c.564 §20; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**PENALTIES**

**653.990** [Subsections (1) and (2) enacted as 1967 c.596 §14; repealed by 1971 c.626 §7]

**653.991 Penalties.** Violation of any provision of this section or ORS 653.010 to 653.545 or of any rule or regulation adopted by the commission under ORS 653.307 shall be punishable as a misdemeanor. [1971 c.626 §6]

**653.992** [1973 c.564 §16; repealed by 1975 c.114 §1]

**CERTIFICATE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL**

Pursuant to ORS 173.170, I, Thomas G. Clifford, Legislative Counsel, do hereby certify that I have compared each section printed in this chapter with the original section in the enrolled bill, and that the sections in this chapter are correct copies of the enrolled sections, with the exception of the changes in form permitted by ORS 173.160 and other changes specifically authorized by law

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