SUMMARY OF HB 2815 (OREGON) - INTERAGENCY COMPLIANCE NETWORK

Network agencies. Establishes Interagency Compliance Network composed of:

- Department of Justice (office of the Attorney General),
- Department of Revenue,
- Employment Department,
- Department of Consumer and Business Services,
- Bureau of Labor and Industries,
- Construction Contractors Board,
- State Landscape Contractors Board, and
- Other state agencies with an interest.

Data sharing. Permits Network agencies to enter into agreements to provide information to other Network agencies.

Network tasks. Directs Network to:

- Establish consistency among agencies in classifying workers, including classifying workers as independent contractors.
- Gather and share information, develop investigative methods, and conduct joint audits relating to persons who pay workers in cash and misclassify workers, including misclassifying workers as independent contractors, and who do not comply with tax or employment laws.
- Identify opportunities for and obstacles to improving compliance with laws relating to taxation, employment, and the classification of workers.
- Create a coordinated enforcement process relating to the classification of workers.
- Engage in public outreach on the distinctions between independent contractors and employees and the laws and regulations governing the duties relating to the classification of workers.
- Take other action to improve compliance with laws relating to taxation and employment.

Report. Requires Network agencies to prepare a report every two years and requires the report to include an estimate of revenue impact.

Funding. Appropriates $750,000 from General Fund to the Emergency Board to be allocated to the Network agencies.*

Effective date. Declares an emergency. Governor signed on July 28, 2009.

*As introduced, HB 2815 increased the fees for certain business filings with the Secretary of State and directed that amounts generated from the fee increase be used for purposes of the Network.