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To: Management-Labor Advisory Committee

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Subject: Follow-up information regarding workers' compensation claims for cancer

MLAC members asked for additional data regarding workers' compensation claims for cancer generally and for the distribution of cancer claims by industry. The data table on the next page provides this information for the years 2010 to 2020. In that time there were a total of 221 claims reported for cancer; 76 of those claims were accepted. Of the accepted claims, the largest industry category was public administration, which includes firefighting. The department does not get reports of accepted nondisabling claims nor reports of claims from the City of Portland Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Fund.

Additionally, we need to correct the firefighter cancer claim data provided in the division's January 24, 2022, bill analysis for HB 4113/LC 96. In the process of responding to this data request, we identified one firefighter cancer claim was inadvertently double counted. The corrected statement should read:

Between 2010 and 2020, there have been 35 accepted disabling cancer claims accepted for firefighters. There were also 11 denied disabling claims and 11 denied nondisabling claims.

Claims for cancer by industry and year of injury, 2010 – 2020			
Industry	Accepted claims	Denied claims	Industry Total
11 Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	3	4	7
22 Utilities	-	2	2
23 Construction	9	37	46
31-33 Manufacturing	6	27	33
42 Wholesale Trade	-	5	5
44-45 Retail Trade	6	7	13
48-49 Transportation and Warehousing	5	2	7
51 Information	-	1	1
52 Finance and Insurance	1	-	1
54 Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	-	1	1
56 Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	2	3	5
61 Educational Services	3	2	5
62 Health Care and Social Assistance	2	4	6
72 Accommodation and Food Services	3	-	3
81 Other Services (except Public Administration)	1	6	7
92 Public Administration *	35	41	76
99 Unclassified Establishments	-	3	3
Total	76	145	221

* Firefighters are primarily covered under “92 Public Administration” but one claim was filed under the “Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting” category

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