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## **OREGON COALITION TO STOP WAGE THEFT**

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### **HB 2180: Making Workers' Court Judgments Collectible**

This bill creates a process to help employees actually collect their wages once they win a judgment that the wages are owed. Often, by the time workers receive a judgment, their employer has changed the legal name of their company, or transferred its assets to someone else, so that there is nothing for the worker to collect. (Even with BOLI judgments only about 28% of the owed wages are ever paid by the employer.)

- This bill will create a process for the employee to post a notice of the employee's claim with respect to the employer's property while an action winds its way through the legal system.
- This bill would allow an employee to post a notice with respect to the employer's property that legal action may be taken to collect unpaid wages.
- If an employee ultimately receives a judgment on a wage claim, the judgment date would relate back to the date when the notice was filed, thus ensuring that property of the employer can be used to satisfy a judgment.