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DIR Issues Notice of Public Hearings for Return-to-Work Supplement Program

The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) has posted proposed changes to the California Code of Regulations to implement the Return-to-Work Supplement Program, one of the workers' compensation reforms mandated by SB 863. This program is intended to provide supplemental payments to workers whose permanent disability benefits are disproportionately low in comparison to their earnings loss.

Public hearings on the proposed regulations have been scheduled on December 8, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1515 Clay Street in Oakland and on December 9, 2014 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 320 West 4th Street, Suite 500 in Los Angeles. Members of the public may also submit written comment on the regulations until 5 p.m. on December 9, 2014.

The notice, initial statement of reasons, and text of the proposed regulations can be found on the DIR [website](#).

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