Hearing Officer's Report to Agency on Rulemaking Hearing

Date: 8/7/2026

To: Department of Consumer and Business Services

From: Brian Fjeldheim, Hearing Officer

Subject: Increase the application, license issuance, license renewal fees charged to insurance producers, adjusters, and insurance consultants.

Hearing Date/Time:	July 23, 2026
Hearing Location:	Hybrid meeting conducted in person at Labor and Industries Building and virtually on Microsoft Teams
Comment Period End:	July 30, 2026

Background

This rulemaking amends OAR 836-009-0007, resulting in a 33 percent increase in the licensing and issuance fees charged to insurance producers, adjusters, and insurance consultants.

The fees the Division of Financial Regulation (DFR) charges to insurance producers, adjusters, and insurance consultants for initial applications, issuing licenses, and renewing licenses have not changed in the past 25 years. Due to continuing inflationary pressures, along with increases in DFR's staffing levels necessary to fulfil DFR's regulatory and consumer protection responsibilities that have grown over many years, these fee increases are needed to better reflect current division operating and staffing costs.

DFR convened an external rulemaking advisory committee (RAC) that met virtually May 28, 2026, from 1:30 – 2:30 pm PT.

Hearing

The notice of hearing proposing adoption of this rule amendment was published in the Oregon Bulletin dated July 1, 2026, and was distributed to members of the RAC, division staff, and other interested parties.

The division held a hybrid rulemaking hearing on July 23, 2026, at 11:00 am PT via Microsoft Teams and in-person at the Labor and Industry Building, Conference Room E. Representing the division at the meeting were Brian Fjeldheim, Karen Winkel, and Jason Flanagan.

No members of the public or interested parties attended the hearing, either in person or via Microsoft Teams.

Summary of Testimony

DFR opened the hearing with introductions of staff and notification that the proceeding would be conducted according to the Oregon Administrative Procedures Act, Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 183, and the Attorney General's Model Rules of Procedure.

The division received no oral testimony at the hearing, and no written comments were submitted prior to the July 30, 2026, public comment deadline.

Public Comment Discussion

The division received no written public comments during the public comment period and there was no opposition from RAC members or interested parties to the fee increases during the RAC meeting.

Recommendation

Having considered the absence of testimony provided during the public hearing and the subsequent written comment period, I recommend the division adopt the amended rule without further modification.

Brian Fjeldheim
Hearing Officer
Division of Financial Regulation

This Summary and Recommendation are reviewed and adopted.

Signed this 19th day of August 2026.

TK Keen, Administrator
Insurance Commissioner
Division of Financial Regulation