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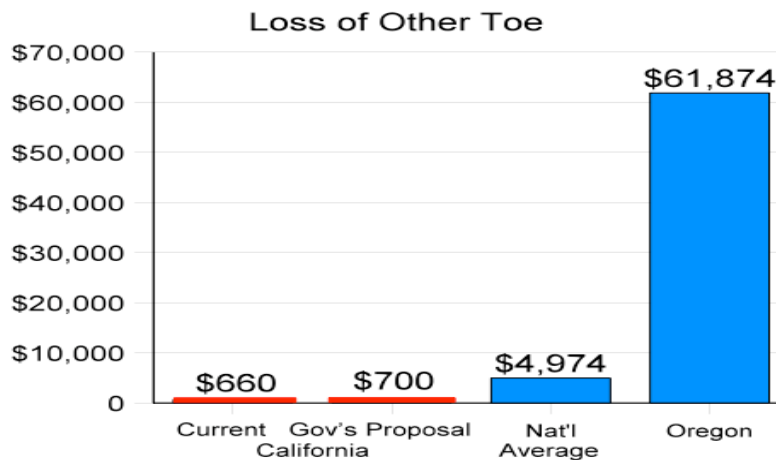
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California Would Still Rank Among Lowest in U.S., Governor's Permanent Disability Proposal is No Fix

How much is your other toe worth?

Under Governor Schwarzenegger's new Permanent Disability compensation proposal, Californians injured at work would still receive permanent disability compensation among the lowest in the nation. "Loss of your other toe in California currently is worth just \$660.00, which the governor proposes to increase by just \$40.00. California continues to be among the lowest in the nation in compensating injured workers for permanently disabling injuries," said

California's Disability Benefits Far Below the National Average



**Even after the increase in the Governor's proposal,
PPD benefits for loss of a toe
would remain the lowest in the nation!**



Source: "Analysis of Workers' Compensation Laws," U.S. Chamber of Commerce
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Sue Borg, president of the California Applicants' Attorneys Association (CAAA), whose members represent hundreds of thousands of workers injured on the job each year. "Injured workers have suffered drastic cuts to benefits, 50 percent of which were never intended by the legislature. Even the administrations own studies showed a decrease in the average rating of up to 41%. To give some injured workers a meager increase is nearly meaningless. To increase disability compensation for loss of your other toe by just \$40.00 is insignificant."

The permanent disability compensation awarded in the workers compensation system is the only compensation most injured workers receive for losing the ability to do many things that we all take for granted each day, and for facing a lifetime of pain and suffering. Had these Californians been injured outside of the workplace they would have received much greater compensation for the life-long effect of their injuries.

* Under Governor's proposal, California's Permanent Disability compensation would remain amongst the lowest in the country.

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