SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 794

By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

April 30

1 On <u>page 3</u> of the printed bill, line 14, after the period insert "The offer of compromise must in-2 dicate whether the offer includes any amount for expenses, attorney fees or other costs and, if so, 3 the amounts included for expenses, attorney fees and other costs.".

4 Delete lines 19 through 25 and insert:

5 "(2) Unless an offer of compromise under this section specifically includes amounts for expenses, 6 attorney fees and other costs, upon acceptance of the offer the court shall give judgment to the 7 defendant for the amount of the offer and, in addition, for the costs and disbursements, attorney fees 8 and expenses as defined in ORS 35.335 that are determined by the court to have been incurred be-9 fore the date of the offer.

"(3) If an offer of compromise is not accepted within the time allowed by subsection (1) of this section, the offer is withdrawn and may not be given in evidence at trial. If the defendant fails to obtain a judgment more favorable than the offer:

13 "(a) The defendant may not recover prevailing party fees or costs and disbursements, attorney 14 fees or expenses as defined in ORS 35.335 that were incurred on or after the date of the offer;

"(b) Unless the parties agree otherwise, the court shall give judgment to the defendant for costs and disbursements, attorney fees and expenses as defined in ORS 35.335 that were incurred before the date of the offer; and

"(c) The court shall give judgment to the condemner for the condemner's costs and disbursements, other than prevailing party fees, incurred by the condemner after service of the offer.

"(4) For the purpose of determining whether the defendant has failed to obtain a judgment more favorable than an offer of compromise under this section, the court shall disregard all amounts identified in the offer as expenses, attorney fees or other costs.".

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