

Senate Bill 566

Sponsored by Senator KNOPP (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Modifies crimes of intimidation in the second degree and intimidation in the first degree. Adds status as peace officer or firefighter to list of characteristics of victim that, as perceived by defendant, constitute motive to commit crime.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to victims of intimidation; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 166.155 and 166.165.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 166.155 is amended to read:

5 166.155. (1) A person commits the crime of intimidation in the second degree if the person:

6 (a) Tamper or interferes with property, having no right to do so nor reasonable ground to be-
7 lieve that the person has such right, with the intent to cause substantial inconvenience to another
8 because of the person's perception of the other's race, color, religion, sexual orientation, disability,
9 [or] national origin **or status as a peace officer or firefighter**;

10 (b) Intentionally subjects another to offensive physical contact because of the person's percep-
11 tion of the other's race, color, religion, sexual orientation, disability, [or] national origin **or status**
12 **as a peace officer or firefighter**; or

13 (c) Intentionally, because of the person's perception of race, color, religion, sexual orientation,
14 disability, [or] national origin **or status as a peace officer or firefighter** of another or of a mem-
15 ber of the other's family, subjects the other person to alarm by threatening:

16 (A) To inflict serious physical injury upon or to commit a felony affecting the other person, or
17 a member of the person's family; or

18 (B) To cause substantial damage to the property of the other person or of a member of the other
19 person's family.

20 (2) Intimidation in the second degree is a Class A misdemeanor.

21 (3) For purposes of this section[,] **and ORS 166.165:**

22 (a) **"Firefighter" has the meaning given that term in ORS 162.225.**

23 (b) **"Peace officer" has the meaning given that term in ORS 133.005.**

24 (c) "Property" means any tangible personal property or real property.

25 **SECTION 2.** ORS 166.165 is amended to read:

26 166.165. (1) Two or more persons acting together commit the crime of intimidation in the first
27 degree, if the persons:

28 (a)(A) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly cause physical injury to another person because of
29 the actors' perception of that person's race, color, religion, sexual orientation, disability, [or] na-
30 tional origin **or status as a peace officer or firefighter**; or

31 (B) With criminal negligence cause physical injury to another person by means of a deadly

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 weapon because of the actors' perception of that person's race, color, religion, sexual orientation,
2 disability, [or] national origin **or status as a peace officer or firefighter**;

3 (b) Intentionally, because of the actors' perception of another person's race, color, religion,
4 sexual orientation, disability, [or] national origin **or status as a peace officer or firefighter**, place
5 another person in fear of imminent serious physical injury; or

6 (c) Commit such acts as would constitute the crime of intimidation in the second degree, if
7 undertaken by one person acting alone.

8 (2) Intimidation in the first degree is a Class C felony.

9 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 166.155 and 166.165 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2019**
10 **Act apply to conduct occurring on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.**

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