81st OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY -- 2021 Regular Session

Minority Report

B-Engrossed Senate Bill 193

Ordered by the House June 9 Including Senate Amendments dated April 26 and House Minority Report Amendments dated June 9

Sponsored by nonconcurring members of the House Committee on Rules: Representatives BONHAM, DRAZAN

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.

[Restricts limitation on award of noneconomic damages to claims in actions for wrongful death.] [Corrects inaccurate reference for definition.] Provides that jury in criminal action may render verdict of guilty only by unanimous agreement, and verdict of not guilty only by concurrence of at least 10 of 12 jurors. Directs Oregon Law Commission to study impact of certain judicial decision on law sur-rounding limitations on noneconomic damages and report to appropriate committee or in-terim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022.

1	A BILL FOR AN ACT
2	Relating to courts; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 136.450.
3	Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
4	SECTION 1. ORS 136.450 is amended to read:
5	136.450. [The verdict of a trial jury in a criminal action shall be by concurrence of at least 10 of
6	12 jurors.] (1) A jury in a criminal action may render a verdict of guilty only by unanimous
7	agreement.
8	(2) A jury in a criminal action may render a verdict of not guilty only by a concurrence
9	of at least 10 of 12 jurors.
10	SECTION 2. The Oregon Law Commission shall study the impact of Busch v. McInnis
11	Waste Systems, Inc., 366 Or. 628 (2020), on the law surrounding limitations on noneconomic
12	damages and report to an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative
13	Assembly no later than September 15, 2022.
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