

**SB 309 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Modifies the notice requirements to interested parties for personal representatives of Oregon estates.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

Whether the notice required in newspapers is effective.

Whether the modifications to SB 309 would provide adequate notice.

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

A probate is required in Oregon when a decedent's estate exceeds a certain monetary threshold of personal and real property. However, most estates that are admitted to probate do not usually exceed that threshold by more than a minimal amount. To initiate probate, a personal representative of the estate must publish a notice in a local newspaper once a week for three weeks in a row. The costs of publication are taken out of the decedent's estate.

Senate Bill 309 would reduce the number of times publication of notice of a probate is required, from three times to one time, and also reduces the number of words required to be published.