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SENATE AMENDMENTS TO A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2819

By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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Delete lines 4 through 21 of the printed A-engrossed bill and insert: 1 2 "SECTION 1. ORS 477.985 is amended to read: "477.985. (1) As used in this section: 3 "(a) 'Credible witness' means a person who has observed conduct alleged to constitute a 4 5 violation and whose statement about the observation is reliable based on: 6 "(A) The content of the observation; "(B) The circumstances around the observation; and 7 "(C) Whether the observation is consistent with any other evidence. 8 9 "(b) 'Enforcement officer' means the State Forester or a person authorized by the State 10 Forester. 11 "(2) [In addition to any other persons permitted to enforce violations, the State Forestry Depart-12ment and the State Forester, or any employee specifically designated by the department or by the State 13Forester,] An enforcement officer may issue [citations for violations] a citation for a violation established under ORS 477.993 in the manner provided by ORS chapter 153. 14 (3) Notwithstanding ORS 153.042, an enforcement officer may issue a citation for a vio-1516 lation as described in subsection (2) of this section when the enforcement officer did not 17 observe the conduct alleged to constitute a violation if the enforcement officer has probable 18 cause to believe that the conduct constitutes a violation based on physical evidence or a statement provided by a credible witness.". 19 20