

Senate Bill 1043

Sponsored by Senator BONHAM

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act restores a crime to the way the crime was before HB 3164 (2021). (Flesch Readability Score: 61.8).

Modifies the crime of interfering with a peace officer or parole and probation officer. Adds refusing to obey a lawful order as a way of committing the crime. Removes the prohibition on arresting or charging a person with the crime if the person is arrested or charged with another offense for the same conduct.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the crime of interfering with a peace officer or parole and probation officer; creating
3 new provisions; and amending ORS 162.247.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 162.247 is amended to read:

6 162.247. (1) A person commits the crime of interfering with a peace officer or parole and pro-
7 bation officer if the person, knowing that another person is a peace officer or a parole and probation
8 officer as defined in ORS 181A.355[,]:

9 (a) Intentionally [*or knowingly*] acts in a manner that prevents, or attempts to prevent, [*the*] a
10 peace officer or parole and probation officer from performing the lawful duties of the officer with
11 regards to another person; or [*a criminal investigation*]

12 (b) **Refuses to obey a lawful order by the peace officer or parole and probation officer.**

13 (2) Interfering with a peace officer or parole and probation officer is a Class A misdemeanor.

14 (3) This section does not apply in situations in which the person is engaging in:

15 (a) **Activity that would constitute resisting arrest under ORS 162.315; or**

16 (b) Passive resistance.

17 [(4) *A person may not be arrested or charged under this section if the person is arrested or charged*
18 *for another offense based on the same conduct.*]

19 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 162.247 by section 1 of this 2025 Act apply to con-
20 duct constituting or alleged to constitute an offense under ORS 162.247 occurring on or after
21 the effective date of this 2025 Act.

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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.