

House Bill 2338

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SUMMARY

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Expands crime of tampering with witness to include inducing or attempting to induce witness or potential witness to provide false statement or to request dismissal of criminal charges.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to tampering with a witness; amending ORS 162.285.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 162.285 is amended to read:

5 162.285. (1) A person commits the crime of tampering with a witness if[:]

6 [(a)] the person knowingly induces or attempts to induce a witness or a person the person be-
7 lieves may be called as a witness in any **pending or potential** official proceeding to:

8 (a) Offer false testimony or unlawfully withhold any testimony; [or]

9 [(b) *The person knowingly induces or attempts to induce a witness to*

10 (b) **Provide a false statement to a prosecutor or law enforcement official about the facts**
11 **related to the official proceeding;**

12 (c) **Request that a prosecutor or law enforcement official dismiss pending criminal**
13 **charges; or**

14 (d) Be absent from any official proceeding to which the person has been legally summoned.

15 (2) Tampering with a witness is a Class C felony.
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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.