

Senate Bill 296

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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 **as introduced**.

Requires court to inform jury of certain mandatory minimum sentences prior to deliberation.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to juries; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 136.325.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Prior to the jury's retirement for deliberation in a criminal proceeding in**
5 **which a defendant is charged with an offense listed in ORS 137.700 or 137.707, the court shall**
6 **inform the jury of any punishment that the court is required to impose if the defendant is**
7 **convicted of the charge.**

8 **SECTION 2.** ORS 136.325 is amended to read:

9 136.325. Except as required in **section 1 of this 2009 Act and** ORS 161.313 and 163.150, the jury
10 in a criminal proceeding may not be informed of, and may not consider, any punishment that the
11 court may impose if the defendant is convicted of the charge.

12 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2009 Act and the amendments to ORS 136.325 by section 2**
13 **of this 2009 Act apply to trials in which a person is alleged to have committed an offense**
14 **listed in ORS 137.700 or 137.707 on or after the effective date of this 2009 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.