

Senate Bill 309

Printed pursuant to Senate Interim Rule 213.28 by order of the President of the Senate in conformance with pre-session filing rules, indicating neither advocacy nor opposition on the part of the President (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Judiciary)

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 or administrative agency to allow introduction into evidence of copies of doctor bills, hospital bills, ambulance bills, drug bills and other bills for health-related services for purpose of proving expenses incurred in connection with injury, disease or disability for which damages or restitution are claimed.

Provides that damages or restitution for expenses reflected in copies of bills may be awarded by the trier of fact without testimony on reasonableness or necessity of expenses.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to evidence.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2009 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 40.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) A court or administrative agency shall allow introduction into evidence**
6 **of copies of doctor bills, hospital bills, ambulance bills, drug bills and other bills for health-**
7 **related services for the purpose of proving expenses incurred in connection with an injury,**
8 **disease or disability for which damages or restitution are claimed in the proceeding.**

9 **(2) Copies of bills introduced under this section are not subject to challenge as hearsay**
10 **under ORS 40.455, and extrinsic evidence of the authenticity of the bills is not required under**
11 **40.505.**

12 **(3) Damages or restitution for expenses reflected in copies of bills introduced under this**
13 **section may be awarded by the trier of fact without testimony on the reasonableness or ne-**
14 **cessity of the expenses.**

15

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.