

Senate Bill 531

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST

SUMMARY

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Amplifies materials that may be considered legislative history of statute.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to statutory construction; amending ORS 174.020.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 174.020 is amended to read:

174.020. (1)(a) In the construction of a statute, a court shall pursue the intention of the legislature if possible.

(b) To assist a court in its construction of a statute, a party may offer the legislative history of the statute.

(2) When a general **provision** and a particular provision are inconsistent, the latter is paramount to the former so that a particular intent controls a general intent that is inconsistent with the particular intent.

(3) A court may limit its consideration of legislative history to the information that the parties provide to the court. A court shall give the weight to the legislative history that the court considers to be appropriate, **including but not limited to consideration of:**

(a) Legislative committee hearing or work session minutes or recordings;

(b) Chamber floor speeches or debate;

(c) Staff measure summaries; or

(d) Revenue or fiscal impact statements prepared by legislative staff for measures.

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.