House Bill 3070

Sponsored by Representative WINGARD

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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.**

Prohibits public bodies from using methods to block caller identification service. Imposes penalty for noncompliance.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to caller identification; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 759.990.
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) For purposes of this section, "caller identification service" means a telephone service that permits subscribers to see a caller's correct identification information before answering the telephone.
 - (2) A public body or an employee of a public body as defined in ORS 174.109 may not use any method that prevents caller identification information for a telephone number used by the public body from being shown by a device that is equipped with a caller identification service.
 - **SECTION 2.** ORS 759.990 is amended to read:
 - 759.990. (1) Any telecommunications utility violating ORS 759.260 commits a Class A violation, and upon conviction the court shall impose a fine of not less than \$100. Violation of ORS 759.260 by an officer or agent of a telecommunications utility is a Class D violation.
 - (2) Any person violating ORS 759.275 shall, upon conviction, forfeit and pay to the State Treasurer not less than \$100 and not more than \$10,000 for each offense. Violation of ORS 759.275 by any agent or officer of any telecommunications utility or person is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000 for each offense.
 - (3) Violation of ORS 759.280 is a Class A violation.
 - (4) Violation of ORS 759.355 is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$20,000 for each offense.
 - (5) Violation of ORS 759.360 is a felony and is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$20,000, or by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than five years, or both.
 - (6) A telecommunications carrier, as defined in ORS 759.400, shall forfeit a sum of not less than \$100 nor more than \$50,000 for each time that the carrier:
 - (a) Violates any statute administered by the Public Utility Commission;
 - (b) Commits any prohibited act, or fails to perform any duty enjoined upon the carrier by the commission;
 - (c) Fails to obey any lawful requirement or order made by the commission; or
 - (d) Fails to obey any judgment made by any court upon the application of the commission.

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.

- (7) In construing and enforcing subsection (6) of this section, the act, omission or failure of any officer, agent or other person acting on behalf of or employed by a telecommunications carrier and acting within the scope of the person's employment shall in every case be deemed to be the act, omission or failure of such telecommunications carrier.
- (8) Except when provided by law that a penalty, fine, forfeiture or other sum be paid to the aggrieved party, all penalties, fines, forfeitures or other sums collected or paid under subsection (6) of this section shall be paid into the General Fund and credited to the Public Utility Commission Account.
- (9)(a) A public body or an employee of a public body, as defined in ORS 174.109, that violates section 1 of this 2011 Act shall forfeit a sum of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000 for each day that the public body or employee of the public body is found by the Public Utility Commission to have violated section 1 of this 2011 Act.
- (b) All forfeitures collected or paid under this subsection shall be paid into the General Fund and credited to the Public Utility Commission Account.