

Senate Bill 159

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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 payment for signature gathering for initiative or referendum petition based on number of signatures obtained. Imposes civil penalty for violation.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to payment for signature gathering; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 652.900.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2011 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 652.**

5 **SECTION 2. A person may not pay or receive money or any other thing of value based**
6 **on the number of signatures obtained on an initiative or referendum petition. Payment may**
7 **be made or received for signature gathering if the payment is not based, either directly or**
8 **indirectly, on the number of signatures obtained.**

9 **SECTION 3. ORS 652.900 is amended to read:**

10 652.900. (1) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, the Commissioner of the Bureau
11 of Labor and Industries may assess a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 against any person who vi-
12 olates ORS 652.020, 652.110, 652.140, 652.145, 652.260, 652.610 **(1) to (4) or 652.750 or section 2 of**
13 **this 2011 Act** or any rule adopted under those statutes.

14 (2) Civil penalties under this section shall be imposed as provided in ORS 183.745.

15 (3) All sums collected as penalties under this section shall be first applied toward reimbursement
16 of costs incurred in determining the violations, conducting hearings under this section and ad-
17 dressing and collecting the penalties. The remainder, if any, of the sums collected as penalties under
18 this section shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the General Fund and is available
19 for general governmental expenses.
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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.