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SUMMARY

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Defines "digital accounts" and "digital assets" for purposes of administration of estates and trusts. Requires custodian of digital accounts and digital assets to transfer, deliver or provide access to accounts or electronic copies of assets to personal representative, conservator or settlor upon written request.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to digital property; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 111.005, 114.305, 114.505, 125.005, 125.445, 130.010 and 179.610.

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

- **SECTION 1.** ORS 111.005 is amended to read:
- 111.005. As used in ORS chapters 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116 and 117, unless the context requires otherwise:
- 8 (1) "Abate" means to reduce a devise on account of the insufficiency of the estate to pay all claims, expenses and devises in full.
 - (2) "Action" includes suits and legal proceedings.
 - (3) "Administration" means any proceeding relating to the estate of a decedent, whether the decedent died testate, intestate or partially intestate.
 - (4) "Advancement" means a gift by a decedent to an heir to enable the donee to anticipate the inheritance to the extent of the gift.
- 15 (5) "All purposes of intestate succession" means succession by, through or from a person, both 16 lineal and collateral.
 - (6) "Assets" includes real[,] and personal [and intangible] property.
 - (7) "Claim" includes liabilities of a decedent, whether arising in contract, in tort or otherwise.
- 19 (8) "Court" or "probate court" means the court in which jurisdiction of probate matters, causes 20 and proceedings is vested as provided in ORS 111.075.
 - (9) "Decedent" means a person who has died leaving property that is subject to administration.
- 22 (10) "Devise," when used as a noun, means property disposed of by a will, and includes 23 "legacy" and "bequest."
- 24 (11) "Devise," when used as a verb, means to dispose of property by a will, and includes 25 "bequeath."
 - (12) "Devisee" includes "legatee" and "beneficiary."
 - (13) "Digital accounts" includes, but is not limited to, electronic mail, financial, personal and other online accounts.
 - (14) "Digital assets" includes, but is not limited to, text, images, multimedia information

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or other property stored in a digital format, whether stored on a server, computer or other physical device or in an electronic medium, regardless of the ownership of the physical device or electronic medium in which the digital asset is stored. "Digital assets" includes, but is not limited to, words, characters, codes or contractual rights necessary to access the digital assets.

- [(13)] (15) "Distributee" means a person entitled to any property of a decedent under the will of the decedent or under intestate succession.
- [(14)] (16) "Domicile" means the place of abode of a person, where the person intends to remain and to which, if absent, the person intends to return.
- [(15)] (17) "Estate" means the real and personal property of a decedent, as from time to time changed in form by sale, reinvestment or otherwise, and augmented by any accretions or additions thereto and substitutions therefor or diminished by any decreases and distributions therefrom.
- [(16)] (18) "Funeral" includes burial or other disposition of the remains of a decedent, including the plot or tomb and other necessary incidents to the disposition of the remains.
- [(17)] (19) "General devise" means a devise chargeable generally on the estate of a testator and not distinguishable from other parts thereof or not so given as to amount to a specific devise.
- [(18)] (20) "Heir" means any person, including the surviving spouse, who is entitled under intestate succession to the property of a decedent who died wholly or partially intestate.
- [(19)] (21) "Interested person" includes heirs, devisees, children, spouses, creditors and any others having a property right or claim against the estate of a decedent that may be affected by the proceeding. It also includes fiduciaries representing interested persons.
- [(20)] (22) "Intestate" means one who dies without leaving a valid will, or the circumstance of dying without leaving a valid will, effectively disposing of all the estate.
- [(21)] (23) "Intestate succession" means succession to property of a decedent who dies intestate or partially intestate.
- [(22)] (24) "Issue" includes adopted children and their issue and, when used to refer to persons who take by intestate succession, includes all lineal descendants, except those who are the lineal descendants of living lineal descendants.
- [(23)] (25) "Net estate" means the real and personal property of a decedent, except property used for the support of the surviving spouse and children and for the payment of expenses of administration, funeral expenses, claims and taxes.
- [(24)] (26) "Net intestate estate" means any part of the net estate of a decedent not effectively disposed of by the will.
- [(25)] (27) "Personal property" includes all **tangible and intangible** property, other than real property, **and includes digital assets**.
- [(26)] (28) "Personal representative" includes executor, administrator, administrator with will annexed and administrator de bonis non, but does not include special administrator.
 - [(27)] (29) "Property" includes [both] real and personal property.
 - [(28)] (30) "Real property" includes all legal and equitable interests in land, in fee and for life.
- [(29)] (31) "Settlement" includes, as to the estate of a decedent, the full process of administration, distribution and closing.
 - [(30)] (32) "Specific devise" means a devise of a specific thing or specified part of the estate of a testator that is so described as to be capable of identification. It is a gift of a part of the estate identified and differentiated from all other parts.
 - [(31)] (33) "Will" includes codicil; it also includes a testamentary instrument that merely ap-

points an executor or that merely revokes or revives another will.

SECTION 2. ORS 114.305 is amended to read:

114.305. Subject to the provisions of ORS 97.130 (2) and (10) and except as restricted or otherwise provided by the will of the decedent, **by** a document of anatomical gift under ORS 97.965 or by court order, a personal representative, acting reasonably for the benefit of interested persons, is authorized to:

- (1) Direct and authorize disposition of the remains of the decedent pursuant to ORS 97.130 and incur expenses for the funeral, burial or other disposition of the remains in a manner suitable to the condition in life of the decedent. Only those funeral expenses necessary for a plain and decent funeral and disposition of the remains of the decedent may be paid from the estate if the assets are insufficient to pay the claims of the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority for the net amount of public assistance, as defined in ORS 411.010, paid to or for the decedent and for care and maintenance of any decedent who was at a state institution to the extent provided in ORS 179.610 to 179.770.
 - (2) Retain assets owned by the decedent pending distribution or liquidation.
 - (3) Receive assets from fiduciaries or other sources.
- (4) Complete, compromise or refuse performance of contracts of the decedent that continue as obligations of the estate, as the personal representative may determine under the circumstances. In performing enforceable contracts by the decedent to convey or lease real property, the personal representative, among other courses of action, may:
- (a) Execute and deliver a deed upon satisfaction of any sum remaining unpaid or upon receipt of the note of the purchaser adequately secured; or
- (b) Deliver a deed in escrow with directions that the proceeds, when paid in accordance with the escrow agreement, be paid to the successors of the decedent, as designated in the escrow agreement.
- (5) Satisfy written pledges of the decedent for contributions, whether or not the pledges constituted binding obligations of the decedent or were properly presented as claims.
- (6) Deposit funds not needed to meet currently payable debts and expenses, and not immediately distributable, in bank or savings and loan association accounts, or invest the funds in bank or savings and loan association certificates of deposit, or federally regulated money-market funds and short-term investment funds suitable for investment by trustees under ORS 130.750 to 130.775, or short-term United States Government obligations.
- (7) Abandon burdensome property when it is valueless, or is so encumbered or is in a condition that it is of no benefit to the estate.
 - (8) Vote stocks or other securities in person or by general or limited proxy.
- (9) Pay calls, assessments and other sums chargeable or accruing against or on account of securities.
 - (10) Sell or exercise stock subscription or conversion rights.
 - (11) Consent, directly or through a committee or other agent, to the reorganization, consolidation, merger, dissolution or liquidation of a corporation or other business enterprise.
 - (12) Hold a security in the name of a nominee or in other form without disclosure of the interest of the estate, but the personal representative is liable for any act of the nominee in connection with the security so held.
 - (13) Insure the assets of the estate against damage and loss, and insure the personal representative against liability to third persons.

(14) Advance or borrow money with or without security.

- (15) Compromise, extend, renew or otherwise modify an obligation owing to the estate. A personal representative who holds a mortgage, pledge, lien or other security interest may accept a conveyance or transfer of the encumbered asset in lieu of foreclosure in full or partial satisfaction of the indebtedness.
- (16) Accept other real property in part payment of the purchase price of real property sold by the personal representative.
 - (17) Pay taxes, assessments and expenses incident to the administration of the estate.
- (18) Employ qualified persons, including attorneys, accountants and investment advisers, to advise and assist the personal representative and to perform acts of administration, whether or not discretionary, on behalf of the personal representative.
- (19) Prosecute or defend actions, claims or proceedings in any jurisdiction for the protection of the estate and of the personal representative in the performance of duties as personal representative.
 - (20) Prosecute claims of the decedent including those for personal injury or wrongful death.
- (21) Continue any business or venture in which the decedent was engaged at the time of death to preserve the value of the business or venture.
- (22) Incorporate or otherwise change the business form of any business or venture in which the decedent was engaged at the time of death.
- (23) Discontinue and wind up any business or venture in which the decedent was engaged at the time of death.
- (24) Provide for exoneration of the personal representative from personal liability in any contract entered into on behalf of the estate.
- (25) Satisfy and settle claims and distribute the estate as provided in ORS chapters 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116 and 117.
- (26) Access, take control of, possess, handle, conduct, continue, distribute, dispose of or terminate any digital assets and digital accounts of the decedent.
 - [(26)] (27) Perform all other acts required or permitted by law or by the will of the decedent.
 - SECTION 3. Section 4 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 114.
- SECTION 4. (1) As used in this section, "custodian" means a person, business or other entity that electronically stores the digital assets of a decedent or that maintains, manages, controls or operates the digital accounts owned or accessed by a decedent or a decedent's agents or representatives.
- (2) Within 30 days after receipt of a written request from the personal representative or an order from the court administering the estate of a decedent, a custodian shall transfer, deliver or provide to the personal representative:
- (a) Access to or possession of digital accounts of the decedent that are maintained, managed, controlled or operated by the custodian, including but not limited to the ability to download and print information contained in the accounts; or
 - (b) Electronic copies of any digital assets of the decedent stored by the custodian.
- (3) A custodian may not destroy or dispose of a digital asset or digital account of the decedent for two years after the custodian receives a request or order under subsection (2) of this section, except that:
- (a) If a custodian has complied with subsection (2)(a) of this section, the custodian may destroy or dispose of a digital account nine months after the date of compliance; and

- (b) If a custodian has complied with subsection (2)(b) of this section, the custodian may destroy or dispose of a digital asset 60 days after the date of compliance.
- (4) A custodian that transfers, delivers, provides access to or allows possession of digital assets or digital accounts as provided in this section is discharged and released from liability or responsibility for the digital assets and digital accounts.

SECTION 5. ORS 114.505 is amended to read:

- 114.505. As used in ORS 114.505 to 114.560:
- (1) "Affiant" means the person or persons signing an affidavit filed under ORS 114.515.
 - (2) "Claiming successors" means:

- 10 (a) If the decedent died intestate, the heir or heirs of the decedent, or if there is no heir, an 11 estate administrator of the Department of State Lands appointed under ORS 113.235;
 - (b) If the decedent died testate, the devisee or devisees of the decedent; and
 - (c) Any creditor of the estate entitled to payment or reimbursement from the estate under ORS 114.545 (1)(c) who has not been paid or reimbursed the full amount owed such creditor within 60 days after the date of the decedent's death.
 - (3) "Estate" means **the** decedent's **real and personal** property, **including digital assets**, subject to administration in Oregon.

SECTION 6. ORS 125.005 is amended to read:

- 125.005. As used in this chapter:
- 20 (1) "Conservator" means a person appointed as a conservator under the provisions of this 21 chapter.
 - (2) "Digital accounts" includes, but is not limited to, electronic mail, financial, personal and other online accounts.
 - (3) "Digital assets" includes, but is not limited to, text, images, multimedia information or other property stored in a digital format, whether stored on a server, computer or other physical device or in an electronic medium, regardless of the ownership of the physical device or electronic medium in which the digital asset is stored. "Digital assets" includes, but is not limited to, words, characters, codes or contractual rights necessary to access the digital assets.
 - [(2)] (4) "Fiduciary" means a guardian or conservator appointed under the provisions of this chapter or any other person appointed by a court to assume duties with respect to a protected person under the provisions of this chapter.
 - [(3)] (5) "Financially incapable" means a condition in which a person is unable to manage financial resources of the person effectively for reasons including, but not limited to, mental illness, mental retardation, physical illness or disability, chronic use of drugs or controlled substances, chronic intoxication, confinement, detention by a foreign power or disappearance. "Manage financial resources" means those actions necessary to obtain, administer and dispose of real and personal property, intangible property, business property, digital assets, benefits and income.
 - [(4)] (6) "Guardian" means a person appointed as a guardian under the provisions of this chapter.
 - [(5)] (7) "Incapacitated" means a condition in which a person's ability to receive and evaluate information effectively or to communicate decisions is impaired to such an extent that the person presently lacks the capacity to meet the essential requirements for the person's physical health or safety. "Meeting the essential requirements for physical health and safety" means those actions necessary to provide the health care, food, shelter, clothing, personal hygiene and other care with-

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- [(6)] (8) "Minor" means any person who has not attained 18 years of age.
- 3 [(7)] (9) "Protected person" means a person for whom a protective order has been entered.
- 4 [(8)] (10) "Protective order" means an order of a court appointing a fiduciary or any other order of the court entered for the purpose of protecting the person or estate of a respondent or protected person.
 - [(9)] (11) "Protective proceeding" means a proceeding under this chapter.
- 8 [(10)] (12) "Respondent" means a person for whom entry of a protective order is sought in a 9 petition filed under ORS 125.055.
- [(11)] (13) "Visitor" means a person appointed by the court under ORS 125.150 for the purpose of interviewing and evaluating a respondent or protected person.

SECTION 7. ORS 125.445 is amended to read:

- 125.445. A conservator may perform the following acts without prior court authorization or confirmation if the conservator is acting reasonably to accomplish the purposes for which the conservator was appointed:
- (1) Collect, hold and retain assets of the estate including land wherever situated, until, in the judgment of the conservator, disposition of the assets should be made. Assets of the estate may be retained even though those assets include property in which the conservator is personally interested.
 - (2) Receive additions to the estate.
 - (3) Continue or participate in the operation of any business or other enterprise.
- (4) Acquire an undivided interest in an estate asset in which the conservator, in any fiduciary capacity, holds an undivided interest.
- (5) Invest and reinvest estate assets and funds in the same manner as a trustee may invest and reinvest.
 - (6) Deposit estate funds in a bank including a bank operated by the conservator.
- (7) Except as limited in ORS 125.430, acquire or dispose of an estate asset including real property wherever situated for cash or on credit, at public or private sale.
- (8) Manage, develop, improve, exchange, partition, change the character of or abandon an estate asset in connection with the exercise of any power vested in the conservator.
- (9) Make ordinary or extraordinary repairs or alterations in buildings or other structures, demolish any improvements, or raze existing or erect new party walls or buildings.
- (10) Subdivide, develop or dedicate land to public use, make or obtain the vacation of plats and adjust boundaries, adjust differences in valuation on exchange or partition by giving or receiving considerations, and dedicate easements to public use without consideration.
- (11) Enter for any purpose into a lease as lessor or lessee with or without option to purchase or renew for a term within or extending beyond the term of the conservatorship.
- (12) Enter into a lease or arrangement for exploration and removal of minerals or other natural resources or enter into a pooling or unitization agreement.
- 40 (13) Grant an option involving disposition of an estate asset or take an option for acquisition 41 of any asset.
 - (14) Vote a security, in person or by general or limited proxy.
- 43 (15) Pay calls, assessments and any other sums chargeable or accruing against or on account 44 of securities.
 - (16) Sell or exercise stock subscription or conversion rights, or consent, directly or through a

committee or other agent, to the reorganization, consolidation, merger, dissolution or liquidation of a corporation or other business enterprise.

- (17) Hold a security in the name of a nominee or in other form without disclosure of the conservatorship so that title to the security may pass by delivery. The conservator is liable for any act of the nominee in connection with the stock so held.
- (18) Insure the assets of the estate against damage or loss, and the conservator against liability with respect to third persons.
- (19) Borrow money to be repaid from estate assets or otherwise and mortgage or pledge property of the protected person as security therefor.
- (20) Advance money for the protection of the estate or the protected person, and for all expenses, losses and liability sustained in the administration of the estate or because of the holding or ownership of any estate assets. The conservator has a lien on the estate as against the protected person for advances so made.
- (21) Pay or contest any claim, settle a claim by or against the estate or the protected person by compromise, arbitration or otherwise, and release, in whole or in part, any claim belonging to the estate to the extent that the claim is uncollectible.
- (22) Pay taxes, assessments, compensation of the conservator and other expenses incurred in the collection, care, administration and protection of the estate.
- (23) Allocate items of income or expense to either income or principal, including creation of reserves out of income for depreciation, obsolescence or amortization, or for depletion in mineral or timber properties.
- (24) Pay any sum distributable to a protected person or a dependent of a protected person by paying the sum to the protected person or the dependent, or by paying the sum either to a guardian, custodian under ORS 126.700, or conservator of the protected person or, if none, to a relative or other person with custody of the protected person.
- (25) Employ persons, including attorneys, auditors, investment advisers or agents, even though they are associated with the conservator, to advise or assist the conservator in the performance of administrative duties, acting upon their recommendation without independent investigation, and instead of acting personally, employing one or more agents to perform any act of administration, whether or not discretionary, except that payment to the conservator's attorney of record is subject to the provisions of ORS 125.095.
- (26) Prosecute or defend actions, claims or proceedings in any jurisdiction for the protection of estate assets and of the conservator in the performance of duties.
- (27) Prosecute claims of the protected person including those for the personal injury of the protected person.
- (28) Execute and deliver all instruments that will accomplish or facilitate the exercise of the powers vested in the conservator.
- (29) Access, take control of, possess, handle, conduct, continue, distribute, dispose of or terminate any digital assets and digital accounts of the protected person.
 - SECTION 8. Section 9 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 125.
- SECTION 9. (1) As used in this section, "custodian" means a person, business or other entity that electronically stores the digital assets of a protected person or that maintains, manages, controls or operates the digital accounts owned or accessed by a protected person or a protected person's agents or representatives.
 - (2) Within 30 days after receipt of a written request from the conservator or an order

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- from the court administering the estate of the protected person, a custodian shall transfer, deliver or provide to the conservator:
- (a) Access to or possession of digital accounts of the protected person that are maintained, managed, controlled or operated by the custodian, including but not limited to the ability to download and print information contained in the accounts; or
 - (b) Electronic copies of any digital assets of the protected person stored by the custodian.
- (3) A custodian may not destroy or dispose of a digital asset or digital account of the protected person for two years after the custodian receives a request or order under subsection (2) of this section, except that:
- (a) If a custodian has complied with subsection (2)(a) of this section, the custodian may destroy or dispose of a digital account nine months after the date of compliance; and
- (b) If a custodian has complied with subsection (2)(b) of this section, the custodian may destroy or dispose of a digital asset 60 days after the date of compliance.
- (4) A custodian that transfers, delivers, provides access to or allows possession of digital assets or digital accounts as provided in this section is discharged and released from liability or responsibility for the digital assets and digital accounts.

SECTION 10. ORS 130.010 is amended to read:

130.010. For the purposes of this chapter:

- (1) "Ascertainable standard" means an ascertainable standard relating to an individual's health, education, support or maintenance within the meaning of section 2041(b)(1)(A) or 2514(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, as in effect on January 1, 2006.
 - (2) "Beneficiary" means a person that:
 - (a) Has a present or future beneficial interest in a trust, whether vested or contingent; or
 - (b) Holds a power of appointment over trust property in a capacity other than that of trustee.
 - (3) "Charitable trust" means a trust, or portion of a trust, described in ORS 130.170 (1).
- (4) "Conservator" means a person appointed by a court to administer the estate of a minor or adult individual.
- (5) "Digital accounts" includes, but is not limited to, electronic mail, financial, personal and other online accounts.
- (6) "Digital assets" includes, but is not limited to, text, images, multimedia information or other property stored in a digital format, whether stored on a server, computer or other physical device or in an electronic medium, regardless of the ownership of the physical device or electronic medium in which the digital asset is stored. "Digital assets" includes, but is not limited to, words, characters, codes or contractual rights necessary to access the digital assets.
- [(5)] (7) "Environmental law" means a federal, state or local law, rule, regulation or ordinance relating to protection of the environment.
 - [(6)] (8) "Financial institution" has the meaning given that term in ORS 706.008.
- [(7)] (9) "Financially incapable" has the meaning given that term in ORS 125.005. "Financially capable" means not financially incapable.
- [(8)] (10) "Guardian" means a person appointed by a court to make decisions regarding the support, care, education, health and welfare of a minor or adult individual. "Guardian" does not include a guardian ad litem.
- 44 [(9)] (11) "Interests of the beneficiaries" means the beneficial interests provided in the terms of 45 a trust.

- [(10)] (12) "Permissible distributee" means a beneficiary who is currently eligible to receive distributions of trust income or principal, whether the distribution is mandatory or discretionary.
- [(11)] (13) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, public body as defined in ORS 174.109 or any other legal or commercial entity.
- [(12)] (14) "Power of withdrawal" means a presently exercisable general power of appointment, other than a power exercisable by a trustee that is limited by an ascertainable standard or that is exercisable by another person only upon consent of the trustee or a person holding an adverse interest.
- [(13)] (15) "Property" means anything, including digital assets, that may be the subject of 10 ownership, whether real or personal, legal or equitable, or any interest therein.
 - [(14)] (16) "Qualified beneficiary" means a beneficiary who:

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- (a) Is a permissible distributee on the date the beneficiary's qualification is determined;
- (b) Would be a permissible distributee if the interests of all permissible distributees described in paragraph (a) of this subsection terminated on the date the beneficiary's qualification is determined; or
- (c) Would be a permissible distributee if the trust terminated on the date the beneficiary's qualification is determined.
- [(15)] (17) "Revocable trust" means a trust that can be revoked by the settlor without the consent of the trustee or a person holding an adverse interest.
- [(16)] (18) "Settlor" means a person, including a testator, who creates a trust or contributes property to a trust. If more than one person creates or contributes property to a trust, each person is a settlor of the portion of the trust property attributable to that person's contribution and of the portion as to which that person has the power to revoke or withdraw.
- [(17)] (19) "Spendthrift provision" means a term of a trust that restrains both voluntary and involuntary transfer of a beneficiary's interest.
- [(18)] (20) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. "State" includes an Indian tribe or band recognized by federal law or formally acknowledged by a state.
- [(19)] (21) "Terms of a trust" means the manifestation of the settlor's intent regarding a trust's provisions as expressed in the trust instrument or as may be established by other evidence that would be admissible in a judicial proceeding.
- [(20)] (22) "Trust instrument" means an instrument executed by a settlor that contains terms of the trust, including any amendments to the instrument.
- [(21)] (23) "Trustee" means an original trustee, an additional trustee, a successor trustee or a 36 cotrustee.
 - SECTION 11. Section 12 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 130. SECTION 12. (1) As used in this section, "custodian" means a person that electronically stores the digital assets of the trust or the settlor or that maintains, manages, controls or operates the digital accounts owned or accessed by the trust or the settlor or the trust's or the settlor's agents or representatives.
 - (2) Within 30 days after receipt of a written request from the settlor or an order from the court having jurisdiction over the trust, a custodian shall transfer, deliver or provide to the settlor:

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- (a) Access to or possession of digital accounts of the trust or settlor that are maintained, managed, controlled or operated by the custodian, including but not limited to the ability to download and print information contained in the accounts; or
 - (b) Electronic copies of any digital assets of the trust or settlor stored by the custodian.
- (3) A custodian may not destroy or dispose of a digital asset or digital account of the trust or settlor for two years after the custodian receives a request or order under subsection (2) of this section, except that:
- (a) If a custodian has complied with subsection (2)(a) of this section, the custodian may destroy or dispose of a digital account nine months after the date of compliance; and
- (b) If a custodian has complied with subsection (2)(b) of this section, the custodian may destroy or dispose of a digital asset 60 days after the date of compliance.
- (4) A custodian that transfers, delivers, provides access to or allows possession of digital assets or digital accounts as provided in this section is discharged and released from liability or responsibility for the digital assets and digital accounts.

SECTION 13. ORS 179.610 is amended to read:

179.610. As used in ORS 179.610 to 179.770, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Authorized representative" means an individual or entity appointed under authority of ORS chapter 125, as guardian or conservator of a person, who has the ability to control the person's finances, and any other individual or entity holding funds or receiving benefits or income on behalf of any person.
- (2) "Care" means all services rendered by the state institutions as described in ORS 179.321 or by the Department of Corrections, Department of Human Services or Oregon Health Authority on behalf of those institutions. These services include, but are not limited to, such items as medical care, room, board, administrative costs and other costs not otherwise excluded by law.
 - (3) "Decedent's estate" has the meaning given "estate" in ORS 111.005 [(15)] (17).
- (4) "Person," "person in a state institution" or "person at a state institution," or any similar phrase, means an individual who is or has been at a state institution described in ORS 179.321.
- (5) "Personal estate" means all income and benefits as well as all assets, including all personal and real property of a living person, and includes assets held by the person's authorized representative and all other assets held by any other individual or entity holding funds or receiving benefits or income on behalf of any person.