Senate Bill 834

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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.

Increases penalty for crime of initiating false report to maximum of one year's imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both. Requires court to order defendant to repay costs upon conviction.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to initiating a false report; amending ORS 162.375; and declaring an emergency.
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - **SECTION 1.** ORS 162.375 is amended to read:
 - 162.375. (1) A person commits the crime of initiating a false report if the person knowingly initiates a false alarm or report which is transmitted to a fire department, law enforcement agency or other organization that deals with emergencies involving danger to life or property.
 - (2) Initiating a false report is a Class [C] A misdemeanor.
 - (3) The court shall include in the sentence of any person convicted under this section a requirement that the person repay the costs incurred in responding to and investigating the false report.
 - <u>SECTION 2.</u> This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.

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