

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Judiciary**

**MEASURE: HB 2609**  
**CARRIER: Rep. Barker**

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 03/12/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/19, 03/12

**Vote:**  
Yeas: 8 - Barker, Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Lininger, Olson, Post, Sprenger  
Exc: 1 - Williamson

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes that information or complaint be deemed verified if complainant certifies sufficient grounds to believe defendant committed offense. States that false certification is Class A misdemeanor.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Substance of the bill
- Need for electronic filing
- Problems with high volume in municipal courts

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 133.015 prescribes that an information or complaint must contain: 1) the name of the court in which it is filed; 2) the title of the action; 3) a statement that accuses the defendant or defendants of the designated offense or offenses; 4) a separate accusation or count addressed to each offense charged, if there are more than one; 5) a statement in each count of what county the offense was committed in; 6) a statement of on or about when the offense was committed; 7) a statement of the acts constituting the offense in ordinary and concise language; and 8) the verification by the complainant and the date of the signing of the information or complaint. Traditionally, complaints have been physically filed with the local court.

House Bill 2609 seeks to remedy one process issue relating to electronic filing of complaints and informations. The bill allows jurisdictions to file informations and complaints electronically, without the need to verify with a physical signing of the document. Rather, the document could be processed electronically in court along with a verification that complies with the new language of the statute.