

House Bill 2370

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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**.

Provides that for two or more domestic violence or abuse offenses between same victim and defendant, trial may take place in any county in which one offense was committed.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to venue; amending ORS 131.315.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 131.315 is amended to read:

5 131.315. (1) If conduct constituting elements of an offense or results constituting elements of an
6 offense occur in two or more counties, trial of the offense may be held in any of the counties con-
7 cerned.

8 (2) If a cause of death is inflicted on a person in one county and the person dies therefrom in
9 another county, trial of the offense may be held in either county.

10 (3) If the commission of an offense commenced outside this state is consummated within this
11 state, trial of the offense shall be held in the county in which the offense is consummated or the
12 interest protected by the criminal statute in question is impaired.

13 (4) If an offense is committed on any body of water located in, or adjacent to, two or more
14 counties or forming the boundary between two or more counties, trial of the offense may be held in
15 any nearby county bordering on the body of water.

16 (5) If an offense is committed in or upon any railroad car, vehicle, aircraft, boat or other
17 conveyance in transit and it cannot readily be determined in which county the offense was com-
18 mitted, trial of the offense may be held in any county through or over which the conveyance passed.

19 (6) If an offense is committed on the boundary of two or more counties or within one mile
20 thereof, trial of the offense may be held in any of the counties concerned.

21 (7) A person who commits theft, burglary or robbery may be tried in any county in which the
22 person exerts control over the property that is the subject of the crime.

23 (8) If the offense is an attempt or solicitation to commit a crime, trial of the offense may be held
24 in any county in which any act that is an element of the offense is committed.

25 (9) If the offense is criminal conspiracy, trial of the offense may be held in any county in which
26 any act or agreement that is an element of the offense occurs.

27 (10) A person who in one county commits an inchoate offense that results in the commission of
28 an offense by another person in another county, or who commits the crime of hindering prosecution
29 of the principal offense, may be tried in either county.

30 (11) A criminal nonsupport action may be tried in any county in which the dependent child is
31 found, irrespective of the domicile of the parent, guardian or other person lawfully charged with

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.

1 support of the child.

2 (12) If the offense is theft, forgery or identity theft and the offense consists of an aggregate
3 transaction involving more than one county, trial of the offense may be held in any county in which
4 one of the acts of theft, forgery or identity theft was committed.

5 (13) When a prosecution is for violation of the Oregon Securities Law, the trial of the offense
6 may be held in the county in which:

7 (a) The offer to purchase or sell securities took place or where the sale or purchase of securities
8 took place; or

9 (b) Any act that is an element of the offense occurred.

10 (14) When a prosecution under ORS 165.692 and 165.990 or 411.675 and 411.990 (2) and (3) in-
11 volves Medicaid funds, the trial of the offense may be held in the county in which the claim was
12 submitted for payment or in the county in which the claim was paid.

13 (15)(a) If the offense is stalking under ORS 163.732 and involves contacts as defined in ORS
14 163.730 in more than one county, trial of the offense may be held in any county in which a contact
15 occurred.

16 (b) If the offense is violating a court's stalking protective order under ORS 163.750, trial of the
17 offense may be held in the county in which the defendant engaged in conduct prohibited by the order
18 or in the county in which the order was issued.

19 **(16) If there are two or more offenses involving domestic violence as defined in ORS**
20 **135.230, abuse as defined in ORS 107.705 or 419B.005 or abuse of an elderly person as those**
21 **terms are defined in ORS 124.050, and each offense is alleged to have occurred between the**
22 **same defendant and victim and could otherwise be properly joined under ORS 132.560, trial**
23 **of the offenses may be held in any county in which one of the offenses was committed.**

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