

# House Bill 2963

Sponsored by Representative BARTON

## 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**.

Directs Oregon Law Commission to submit report to interim legislative committees, no later than July 1, 2016, regarding changes to existing statutory law that are recommended for purpose of streamlining and lowering cost of administration of probate estates in Oregon.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to probate law; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) No later than July 1, 2016, the Oregon Law Commission shall submit a**  
5 **report to the interim legislative committees with subject matter jurisdiction of the judiciary,**  
6 **in particular, of probate and estate law, regarding changes to existing statutory law that are**  
7 **recommended for the purpose of streamlining and lowering the cost of administration of**  
8 **probate estates in Oregon.**

9 (2) The report shall include but not be limited to the following:

10 (a) A summary of recent statutory changes in other states, including but not limited to  
11 the State of Washington, that have streamlined probate administration processes in those  
12 states.

13 (b) Recommendations for legislative changes to existing statutes governing the adminis-  
14 tration of probate estates in Oregon to streamline and lower the cost of administering pro-  
15 bate estates.

16 (c) Explanations as to how the recommendations in paragraph (b) of this subsection, if  
17 legislatively adopted, will facilitate, simplify or expedite the administration of probate estates  
18 in Oregon.

19 **SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
20 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**  
21 **on its passage.**

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New sections are in **boldfaced** type.