

# Senate Bill 589

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST

## SUMMARY

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Amplifies materials that may be considered legislative history of statute.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to statutory construction; amending ORS 174.020.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 174.020 is amended to read:

5 174.020. (1)(a) In the construction of a statute, a court shall pursue the intention of the legisla-  
6 ture if possible.

7 (b) To assist a court in its construction of a statute, a party may offer the legislative history  
8 of the statute.

9 (2) When a general **provision** and a particular provision are inconsistent, the latter is para-  
10 mount to the former so that a particular intent controls a general intent that is inconsistent with  
11 the particular intent.

12 (3) A court may limit its consideration of legislative history to the information that the parties  
13 provide to the court. A court shall give the weight to the legislative history that the court con-  
14 siders to be appropriate, **including but not limited to consideration of:**

15 (a) **Legislative committee hearing or work session minutes or recordings;**

16 (b) **Chamber floor speeches or debate;**

17 (c) **Staff measure summaries; or**

18 (d) **Revenue or fiscal impact statements prepared by legislative staff for measures.**  
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**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.