

# Senate Joint Resolution 24

Sponsored by Senator FERRIOLI

## SUMMARY

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Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to limit awards of noneconomic damages in civil actions to \$1 million.

Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

**PARAGRAPH 1.** The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section to be added to and made a part of Article XV, such section to read:

**SECTION 12. (1) Noneconomic damages may not be recovered in a civil action by or on behalf of an injured person in an amount that exceeds \$1 million.**

**(2) For the purposes of this section, "noneconomic damages" means subjective, non-monetary losses, including but not limited to pain, mental suffering, emotional distress, humiliation, injury to reputation, loss of care, comfort, companionship and society, loss of consortium, inconvenience, and interference with normal and usual activities apart from gainful employment.**

**PARAGRAPH 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout this state.

**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.