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SUMMARY

Corrects inaccurate reference to definition.

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to damages; amending ORS 30.138.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- 4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 30.138 is amended to read:
- 5 30.138. (1) In addition to any other remedy payable to a servicemember for
- 6 the enforcement of a right under 50 U.S.C. App. 501 et seq., a court shall
 - award a servicemember reasonable attorney fees and the amounts specified
- 8 in subsection (2) of this section if the court finds that written demand as
- 9 described in subsection (3) of this section was mailed to the opposing party
- demanding relief under 50 U.S.C. App. 501 et seq., and the opposing party
- 11 failed to remedy the violation of 50 U.S.C. App. 501 et seq. within 30 days
- 12 after the mailing of the demand.
- 13 (2) If a court finds that notice was mailed as required by this section, and
- 14 the opposing party failed to remedy the violation of 50 U.S.C. App. 501 et seq.
- 15 within the time allowed, the court shall award the servicemember:
- 16 (a) The greater of \$1,000 or actual damages, including damages for emo-
- 17 tional distress; or

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- (b) If the court finds that the opposing party's conduct was willful, as
- 19 [described] defined in ORS 646.605, the court shall award the servicemember
- 20 the greater of \$5,000, or three times the amount of actual damages, including
- 21 damages for emotional distress.
 - (3) A written demand under subsection (1) of this section must be sent

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- 1 by certified mail, return receipt requested. The demand must include the
- 2 servicemember's name and address, the date on which the servicemember
- 3 went on active duty and a description of the alleged violation of 50 U.S.C.

4 App. 501 et seq.

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