

House Bill 2178

Sponsored by Representatives STARK, WHISNANT (Pre-session filed.)

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**.

Requires witness before statutory, standing, special or interim legislative committee to sign declaration that witness's testimony is true to best of witness's knowledge and belief, and that witness understands testimony is subject to penalty for perjury. Specifies exceptions.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to legislative testimony.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Before testifying before a statutory, standing, special or interim legisla-**
5 **tive committee, every witness must sign a declaration that contains the following statement:**
6 **"I hereby declare that the testimony I am about to give is true to the best of my knowledge**
7 **and belief, and that I understand the testimony is subject to penalty for perjury."**

8 **(2) A declaration signed under subsection (1) of this section is a sworn statement for the**
9 **purposes of ORS 162.065.**

10 **(3) This section does not apply to:**

11 **(a) Testimony by state Senators and state Representatives currently serving in the Leg-**
12 **islative Assembly;**

13 **(b) Testimony by the officers and employees of the Legislative Fiscal Office, the Legisla-**
14 **tive Revenue Office, the Legislative Policy and Research Office, the office of Legislative Ad-**
15 **ministrator and the office of Legislative Counsel; or**

16 **(c) Testimony before legislative task forces, work groups and commissions.**
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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.