

# House Bill 2555

Sponsored by Representatives HACK, STARK (Presession 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**.

Clarifies that for purposes of crime of coercion, person compels or induces another person to engage in conduct from which other person has legal right to abstain if person compels or induces woman to terminate woman's pregnancy.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to coercion; amending ORS 163.275.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 163.275 is amended to read:

5 163.275. (1) A person commits the crime of coercion when the person compels or induces another  
6 person to engage in conduct from which the other person has a legal right to abstain, or to abstain  
7 from engaging in conduct in which the other person has a legal right to engage, by means of in-  
8 stilling in the other person a fear that, if the other person refrains from the conduct compelled or  
9 induced or engages in conduct contrary to the compulsion or inducement, the actor or another will:

10 (a) Unlawfully cause physical injury to some person;

11 (b) Unlawfully cause physical injury to some animal;

12 (c) Unlawfully cause damage to property;

13 (d) Engage in conduct constituting a crime;

14 (e) Falsely accuse some person of a crime or cause criminal charges to be instituted against the  
15 person;

16 (f) Cause or continue a strike, boycott or other collective action injurious to some person's  
17 business, except that such a threat is not deemed coercive when the act or omission compelled is  
18 for the benefit of the group in whose interest the actor purports to act;

19 (g) Testify falsely or provide false information or withhold testimony or information with respect  
20 to another's legal claim or defense; or

21 (h) Unlawfully use or abuse the person's position as a public servant by performing some act  
22 within or related to official duties, or by failing or refusing to perform an official duty, in such  
23 manner as to affect some person adversely.

24 (2) Coercion is a Class C felony.

25 **(3) For purposes of this section, a person compels or induces another person to engage**  
26 **in conduct from which the other person has a legal right to abstain if the person compels**  
27 **or induces a woman to terminate the woman's pregnancy.**

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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.