

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3047

Ordered by the House April 17
Including House Amendments dated April 17

Sponsored by Representative HUFFMAN

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.

Creates exception allowing use of unmanned aircraft system capable of firing **bullet or projectile** in certain circumstances.

Allows law enforcement agency to use unmanned aircraft system for purpose of reconstruction of accident scene.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to unmanned aircraft systems; amending ORS 837.340 and 837.365.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 837.365, as amended by section 2, chapter 72, Oregon Laws 2016, is amended
5 to read:

6 837.365. (1) **Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section**, a person commits a Class
7 A misdemeanor if the person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly operates an unmanned aircraft
8 system that is capable of firing a bullet or projectile or otherwise operates an unmanned aircraft
9 system in a manner that causes the system to function as a dangerous weapon as defined in ORS
10 161.015.

11 **(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply if:**

12 **(a) The person uses the unmanned aircraft system in compliance with specific authori-**
13 **zation from the Federal Aviation Administration;**

14 **(b) The person notifies the Oregon Department of Aviation, the Oregon State Police and**
15 **any other agency that issues a permit or license for the activity requiring the use of the**
16 **unmanned aircraft system that the person intends to use an unmanned aircraft system that**
17 **is capable of firing a bullet or projectile at least five days before the person uses the system;**
18 **and**

19 **(c) The person provides reasonable notice to the public if the person intends to use an**
20 **unmanned aircraft system that is capable of firing a bullet or projectile in an area open to**
21 **the public.**

22 **(3) The notification requirement of subsection (2)(b) of this section does not apply to:**

23 **(a) A career school licensed under ORS 345.010 to 345.450;**

24 **(b) A community college as defined in ORS 341.005;**

25 **(c) An education service district as defined in ORS 334.003;**

26 **(d) The Oregon Health and Science University;**

27 **(e) A public high school;**

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.

1 **(f) A public university listed in ORS 352.002; or**

2 **(g) An institution that is exempt from ORS 348.594 to 348.615 under ORS 348.597 (2).**

3 **(4) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, a person may not use an unmanned**
4 **aircraft system that is capable of firing a bullet or projectile for purposes of crowd man-**
5 **agement.**

6 **SECTION 2.** ORS 837.340 is amended to read:

7 837.340. (1) A law enforcement agency may operate an unmanned aircraft system, acquire in-
8 formation through the operation of an unmanned aircraft system, or disclose information acquired
9 through the operation of an unmanned aircraft system, for the purpose of reconstruction of a specific
10 crime scene **or accident scene**, or similar physical assessment, related to a specific [*criminal*] in-
11 vestigation.

12 (2) The period that a law enforcement agency may operate an unmanned aircraft system under
13 this section may not exceed five days for the purpose of reconstruction of a specific crime scene
14 **or accident scene**, or similar physical assessment, related to a specific [*criminal*] investigation.

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