

# House Bill 3115

Sponsored by Representative FAHEY

## SUMMARY

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Requires chief administrative law judge from Office of Administrative Hearings to adopt policies for affording reasonable accommodations to parties and witnesses with psychiatric impairments or physical disabilities in contested case hearings conducted by administrative law judges assigned from office.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to administrative proceedings.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 183.605 to**  
5 **183.690.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The chief administrative law judge for the Office of Administrative**  
7 **Hearings shall adopt and maintain formal policies to ensure that every party and witness**  
8 **who has a psychiatric impairment or a physical disability is afforded reasonable accommo-**  
9 **dations necessary for the party or witness to fully and meaningfully participate in a con-**  
10 **tested case hearing conducted by an administrative law judge assigned from the office.**  
11 **Reasonable accommodations must include, but are not limited to, taking into account the**  
12 **individual's symptoms and the side effects of medication in siting and scheduling a contested**  
13 **case hearing and in evaluating credibility.**

14 **(2) The policies adopted under subsection (1) of this section must be posted on the**  
15 **website of the Office of Administrative Hearings, and hard copies must be mailed to a party**  
16 **or witness upon request.**

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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.