

Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2734**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 2, before the period insert  
2 “and ORS 55.090”.

3 After line 25, insert:

4 **“SECTION 2.** ORS 55.090 is amended to read:

5 “55.090. (1) Except as may otherwise be provided by ORS 55.040, no at-  
6 torney at law nor any person other than the plaintiff and defendant shall  
7 become involved in or in any manner interfere with the prosecution or de-  
8 fense of the litigation in the department without the consent of the justice  
9 of the justice court, nor shall it be necessary to summon witnesses. But the  
10 plaintiff and defendant may offer evidence in their behalf by witnesses ap-  
11 pearing at the hearing, and the justice may informally consult witnesses or  
12 otherwise investigate the controversy and give judgment or make such orders  
13 as the justice deems right, just and equitable for the disposition of the con-  
14 troversy.

15 “(2) Notwithstanding ORS 9.320, a party that is not a natural person,  
16 state or any city, county, district or other political subdivision or public  
17 corporation in this state may appear as a party to any action in the depart-  
18 ment without appearance by attorney.

19 **“(3) When spouses are both parties to an action, one spouse may**  
20 **appear on behalf of both spouses in mediation or litigation in the small**  
21 **claims department:**

