

**HB 3216 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Creates the offense of unlawfully summoning a police officer if a person knowingly causes a police officer to contact a person for reasons other than suspected criminal activity. Declares the offense of unlawfully summoning a police officer a Class D violation. Creates a civil cause of action for a person injured by the commission of the offense of unlawfully summoning a police officer and provides statutory damages of \$250 against each defendant found liable.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Removes language creating the offense of unlawfully summoning a police officer.

**BACKGROUND:**

A person commits the crime of initiating a false report if the person knowingly initiates a false alarm or report that is transmitted to a law enforcement or emergency agency. Initiating a false report is a Class A misdemeanor under ORS 162.375. The crime of initiating a false report does not encompass elements relating to the impact on an individual contacted by law enforcement as a result of a person initiating a false report. House Bill 3216 makes it an offense to purposefully cause an individual to be contacted by law enforcement without reasonable concern of actual suspected criminal activity.