Enrolled House Bill 3216

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to unlawfully summoning a police officer.

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

<u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) A person may bring a civil action for damages against any person who knowingly causes a police officer to arrive at a location to contact another person with the intent to:

(a) Infringe on the other person's rights under the Oregon or United States Constitutions;

(b) Unlawfully discriminate against the other person;

(c) Cause the other person to feel harassed, humiliated or embarrassed;

(d) Cause the other person to be expelled from a place in which the other person is lawfully located; or

(e) Damage the other person's:

(A) Reputation or standing within the community; or

(B) Financial, economic, consumer or business prospects or interests.

(2) Upon prevailing in an action under this section, the plaintiff may recover:

(a) The greater of:

(A) Special and general damages, including damages for emotional distress; or

(B) Statutory damages of \$250 against each defendant found liable under this section; and (b) Punitive damages.

(3) The court may award reasonable attorney fees to the prevailing plaintiff in an action under this section.

(4) A civil action under this section:

(a) May be brought in the small claims department of a circuit court if the total damages do not exceed the jurisdictional limit of the small claims department.

(b) Does not affect a right or remedy available under any other law of this state.

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