

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3083

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Including House Amendments dated June 1

Sponsored by Representatives KROPF, AVAKIAN, Senator METSGER; Representatives GARRARD, HASS, Senator RINGO

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.

Specifies that person working for news organization does not commit offense of refusing to assist in firefighting operations if person [*disobeys lawful order of firefighter or peace officer in order to report on fire*] **is reporting on fire and does not unreasonably interfere with fire-fighting operations.** [*Allows person working for news organization to enter forest area otherwise restricted because of fire or fire hazard for purposes of reporting on fire or fire hazard.*]

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to persons working for news organizations; amending ORS 162.255.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 162.255 is amended to read:

5 162.255. (1) A person commits the offense of refusing to assist in fire-fighting operations if:

6 (a) Upon command by a person known by the person to be a firefighter the person unreasonably
7 refuses or fails to assist in extinguishing a fire or protecting property threatened thereby; or

8 (b) Upon command by a person known by the person to be a firefighter or peace officer the
9 person intentionally and unreasonably disobeys a lawful order relating to the conduct of the person
10 in the vicinity of a fire.

11 **(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to a person working for a news organ-**
12 **ization if the person is reporting on the fire and the person does not unreasonably interfere**
13 **with fire-fighting operations.**

14 [(2)] **(3)** Refusing to assist in fire-fighting operations is a Class B violation.
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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.