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REPRESENTATIVE KNUTE BUEHLER COMMENTS ON CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT BILL

Salem, OR – The House of Representatives considered two versions of HB 2700 coming out of the Judiciary committee yesterday and voted to pass the original bill without amendments. Both versions allowed unclaimed funds in class action lawsuits to be given to the Oregon Bar for legal aid and charities at the judge's discretion. However, the amended version would have maintained the current narrower definition of "class" ensuring that the money went to people who were directly impacted by the lawsuit.

Representative Knute Buehler released the following statement regarding HB 2700:

“While the goal of this bill is admirable, I believe there are some unintended consequences, namely, it makes Oregon a magnet state for costly class action lawsuits. I voted for the alternative version because it made sure more of the money went to the actual victims in the lawsuits.”

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