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Oregon Legislature Passes Bill to Protect Juror Privacy

House Bill 2539 A prohibits identifying jurors by name during public proceedings

SALEM, OR—The Oregon House passed legislation to protect the privacy of jurors in Oregon. [House Bill 2539 A](#) prohibits a juror from being identified by name in court proceedings open to the public. The bill, which had previously been passed unanimously in the House, was amended in the Senate to give courts the discretion to withhold juror names from parties in the proceedings as well, if necessary.

“The state asks jurors to preside over a number of controversial issues, and so the state has a responsibility to ensure the safety of these jurors, both in and out of the courtroom,” said [Rep. Janeen Sollman](#) (D-Hillsboro), one of the chief sponsors of the bill. “This is not a totally new concept; this happens already in some of our counties. This bill would just bring consistency to the process and make it uniform across all 36 counties.”

“Jury duty is one of our most important civic responsibilities, but those who accept that responsibility deserve to have their privacy respected,” said [Rep. Janelle Bynum](#) (D-Happy Valley), who carried HB 2539 A on the House floor. “We ask members of the public to weigh in on cases that can be divisive in their community. These protections reduce the chance for outside pressure to influence a verdict.”

The amended version of HB 2539 was re-passed with unanimous support, and now moves to the Governor’s desk.

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