

**839-050-0170**

Joinder of Parties, Claimants, [*or*] Complainants, **or Aggrieved Persons**

(1) Complainants or claimants: Any number of persons may be joined in one [*action*] **proceeding** as complainants or claimants if they assert a right to relief arising out of the same or similar transaction(s) or occurrence(s) and if questions of law or fact common to all these persons will arise in the [*action*] **proceeding**.

(2) Parties: Any number of persons may be joined in one [*action*] **proceeding** as parties if there is asserted against them any right to relief arising out of the same transaction(s) or occurrence(s) and if questions of law or fact common to all these persons will arise in the [*action*] **proceeding**.

**(3) Aggrieved persons: Any aggrieved person may intervene and be joined as a party in a proceeding in which the Agency has issued Formal Charges alleging violations of ORS 659A.145, 659A.421, or federal housing law. The procedures set out in OAR 137-003-0005 of the Attorney General's Model Rules apply.**

[(3)](4) The Final Order may find for or against one or more of the complainants or claimants, **aggrieved persons**, or parties according to their respective rights or liabilities.

[(4)](5) Misjoinder of complainants, claimants, or parties is not a ground for dismissal of [*an action*] **a proceeding**. Parties may be added or deleted by order of the administrative law judge upon the motion of any participant, upon the administrative law judge's own motion, or upon the application of any person or entity seeking party or limited party status, at any stage of the contested case proceeding. When necessary to complete disposition of the case, the administrative law judge may postpone the hearing to allow a newly added complainant, claimant, or party to prepare for the hearing.

**(6) In proceedings in which the Agency has issued Formal Charges alleging violations of ORS 659A.145, 659A.421, or federal housing law, misjoinder of an aggrieved person is not a ground for dismissal of the proceeding. Aggrieved persons may be added by order of the administrative law judge under OAR 137-003-0005 at any stage of the contested case proceeding.**

Stat. Auth.: ORS 183 & 651.060(4)

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