

GUIDE TO THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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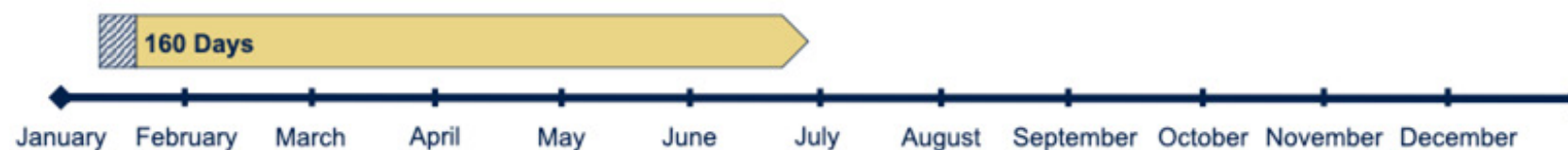
GENERAL SESSION INFORMATION

- The 84th Oregon Legislative Assembly will convene on Tuesday, February 2.
- In odd-numbered years, or the first year in a biennium, sessions are allowed to proceed for 160 days, starting the day after Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Oregon is on a two-year budget cycle so during long session they're really focused on setting the budget.
- In even-numbered years, the session lasts a maximum of 35 days.

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Odd Years (e.g., 2023)



Even Years (e.g., 2024)



Schedule of Oregon legislative sessions.

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- If there is an emergency when the Legislature is not in session, the governor, or a majority of both chambers may call a special session.

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HOUSE

- The House of Representatives has 60 State Representatives who serve two-year terms.
- There are 37 Democratic Representatives and 23 Republican Representatives, creating a Democrat supermajority.

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SENATE

- The Senate has 30 State Senators who serve four-year terms.
- There are 18 Democratic Senators and 12 Republican Senators, creating a Democrat supermajority.

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LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP

HOUSE

- Speaker Julie Fahey
- Speaker Pro Tempore David Gombert
- Democratic Leader Ben Bowman
- Republican Leader Lucetta Elmer

SENATE

- President Rob Wagner
- President Pro Tempore James I. Manning Jr.
- Democratic Leader Kayse Jama
- Republican Leader Bruce Starr

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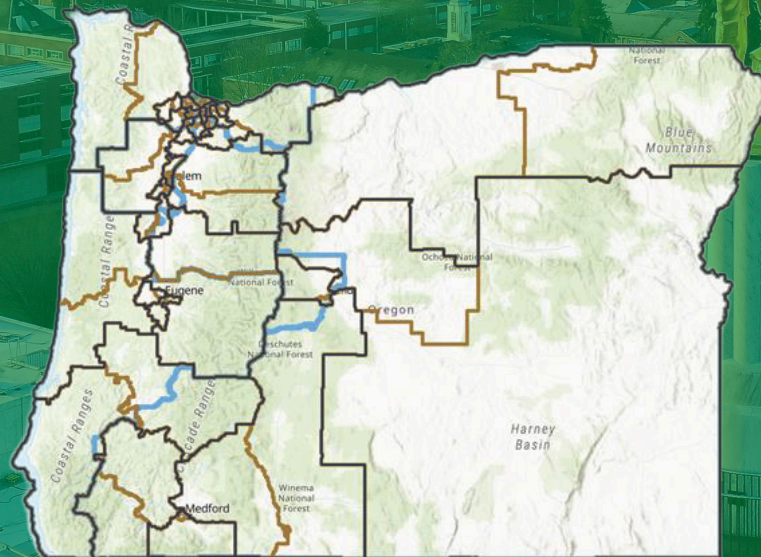
HOW TO TRACK A BILL

- Find a bill using the following link:
https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement/Pages/Find-a-Bill.aspx
- Detailed instructions are provided on the legislative website.
- Bills can be searched by key words or by bill number.
- Want to track a bill? Sign up for updates here:
<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORLEG/subscriber/new>

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- Visit this link to find your legislator:
https://geo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/lookup/index.html?a_ppid=fd070b56c975456ea2a25f7e3f4289d1



SENATE COMMITTEES

- Commerce & General Government
- Early Childhood & Behavioral Health
- Education
- **Energy & Environment**
- **Finance & Revenue**
- Health Care
- Housing & Development
- Human Services
- Judiciary
- **Labor and Business**
- **Natural Resources and Wildfire**
- Rules
- Transportation
- Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

HOUSE COMMITTEES

- Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
- Behavioral Health
- **Climate, Energy, and Environment**
- Commerce and Consumer Protection
- Early Childhood and Human Services
- **Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade**
- Education
- Emergency Management and Veterans
- Health Care

HOUSE COMMITTEES

- Housing and Homelessness
- Judiciary
- **Labor and Workforce Development**
- **Revenue**
- Rules
- Transportation



JOINT COMMITTEES

- **Ways and Means**
 - **Capital Construction Subcommittee**
 - Education Subcommittee
 - General Government Subcommittee
 - Human Services Subcommittee
 - **Natural Resources Subcommittee**
 - Public Safety
 - Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

JOINT COMMITTEES

- Joint Audits
- Joint Information and Technology
- Joint Transportation Oversight
- Joint Public Education Appropriation
- Interstate 5 Bridge
- Legislative Administration
- Legislative Counsel
- Legislative Counsel Subcommittee on Public Records
- Legislative Policy and Research
- Joint Conduct

2026 SESSION KEY DATES

- February 2 -Session starts.
- February 4 - Revenue forecast
- February 9 - Deadline for bills to be posted for a work session in their first chamber.
- February 16 - First Chamber Deadline (When a bill must move from one chamber to the other in order to proceed).
- February 20 - Deadline for bills to be posted for a work session in their second chamber.
- February 26 - Second Chamber Deadline (When a bill must move out of its second chamber.
- March 8 - Constitutional Sine Die.

2026 SESSION KEY DATES

2026 Session Deadlines Calendar

JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1 New Years Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 LC Return Deadline	10
11	12	13 Leg Days	14 Leg Days	15 Leg Days	16 LC Drop Deadline (5:00PM)	17
18	19 MLK Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Leg. Days						
State Holiday						
Leg. Counsel Deadlines						
Deadlines for bills to be returned by LC and introduced (after these deadlines only measures from the Sen. President, House Rules, and JWM Committee may be introduced)						
Session Deadlines						
Deadlines for bills to be posted for work sessions, then voted out of policy committees in the first and second chambers. Does not apply to House Rules, Senate Rules, House Revenue, Senate Finance and Revenue, or Joint Committees including JWM.						
House & Senate Floor Sessions						
Senate and House floor sessions on all weekdays. Additional floor sessions will be announced by the Senate President or House Speaker as necessary.						
Important Election Date						

FEBRUARY						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2 Session Convenes	3	4 Revenue Forecast	5	6	7
8	9 Post Work Session Deadline	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 1st Chamber Deadline	17	18	19	20 Post Work Session Deadline	21
22	23	24	25	26 2nd Chamber Deadline	27	28

MARCH						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Filing Day	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- The full legislative calendar is available here:
<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/secretary-of-senate/Documents/DeadlinesCalendar.pdf>

2026 SESSION KEY DATES - EXCEPTIONS

- The bill filing deadline was January 16. After this deadline, only measures from the Sen. President, House Rules, and JWM Committee may be introduced.
- Deadlines for bills to be posted for work sessions, then voted out of policy committees in the first and second chambers do not apply to House Rules, Senate Rules, House Revenue, Senate Finance and Revenue, or Joint Committees including JWM.
- Senate and House floor sessions on all weekdays. Additional floor sessions will be announced by the Senate President or House Speaker as necessary.

SUBMITTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY

- Written testimony may be submitted online from the time a bill is first scheduled for a Public Hearing up to 48 hours after the start time of the committee meeting during which the Public Hearing is held.
- All written testimony is public information and can be accessed by search engines. Make sure that you don't include any personal information that you do not want public.

SUBMITTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY

1. Go to the OLIS website <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/> and click on the Committees button (upper right).
2. Navigate to and select the Committee in which the bill for which you will be submitting testimony is scheduled for a Public Hearing.

SUBMITTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY

3. On the Committee Overview page, click on the [Click to Submit Testimony](#) link.

House Committee On Education

Overview

Assigned Measures

Membership ▼

Chair

Representative Courtney Neron

Vice-Chair

Representative Zach Hudson

Vice-Chair

Representative Boomer Wright

Member

Representative Tracy Cramer

Member

Representative Emily McIntire

Member

Representative Hoa Nguyen

Member

Representative Andrea Valderrama

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Submit Public Testimony

Click to Submit Testimony

SUBMITTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY

4. Click the dropdown arrow to select the meeting date that the bill for which you will be submitting testimony is scheduled for a Public Hearing.

Testimony Submission Form

Please submit written testimony using the form below. Written testimony may only be submitted for bills that are scheduled for a public hearing. Testimony must be received within 48 hours after the start time of the committee meeting at which the public hearing is held. Testimony submitted after the 48-hour time period will not be uploaded to OLIS. If you are not able to submit your testimony within the open record window, feel free to submit your testimony to your legislator or to committee members directly.

Please use discretion with your personal information in written testimony. DO NOT include personal information that you do not want displayed to the public. All meeting materials, including your name and any personal information contained in the submitted form, except for your email, are posted to OLIS and are accessible to all major search engines, including Google, Bing, and Yahoo.

If you experience technical issues submitting your testimony using this form, please report the issue, via email to testimony.techissues@oregonlegislature.gov
[Learn more about submitting testimony.](#)

Choose a committee: ▼

Choose a meeting date: ▼

No measures available for testimony.

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5. Click the button next to the bill for which you would like to submit testimony.

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Choose a committee:

Choose a meeting date:

You are submitting testimony for:

☒ HB 3063 Public Hearing Directs State Treasurer to study and make recommendations regarding improvements to state financial administration.

First Name* Last Name* Email Address*

Organization or City of Residence* On behalf of (if applicable)


Position on the Measure*

Submit text or upload a PDF: ☒ Text Testimony ☐ Upload a PDF

Document Title:

Submit testimony text below: 4000 characters remaining

SUBMITTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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6. Fill out the form.
 7. Add your testimony. Click to submit how you will be submitting your testimony. You can either enter it in the text box or attach a PDF.
 8. Once completed, you'll receive a "Testimony Submitted Successfully!" page. If you don't receive that page, you'll be able to fix the text in the red highlighted boxes.

PROVIDING VERBAL TESTIMONY

1. Look up the committee or subcommittee meeting agenda on the website and follow the testimony registration link on the agenda. The system will send you an email with a registration meeting link and instructions for delivering your testimony.
2. Look up the committee or subcommittee meeting agenda on the OLIS website and call the listed number. The phone system will provide you access information to deliver your verbal/audio testimony.
3. On the day of the hearing, come to the State Capitol building to deliver your testimony.

BACKGROUND: STATE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

STEP 1: SPONSORSHIP AND DRAFTING

- The first step in drafting a bill is having a legislator agree to pursue the concept.
- The legislator will submit a request to Legislative Council.
- After a draft is made available, a proponent of the legislative concept identifies a legislator to serve as a chief sponsor and/or co-sponsor.

STEP 2: INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

- Legislative concept becomes a bill after the sponsor(s) drop the bill with the Secretary of the Senate or Chief Clerk of the House.
- The bill has its “first reading” in chamber of origin.
- The presiding officer assigns the bill to a committee.

STEP 3: 1ST CHAMBER COMMITTEE HEARING

- The committee reviews the bill and holds public hearings.
- Verbal testimony is provided by proponents and opponents.
- Written testimony is provided by proponents and opponents.

STEP 4: 1ST CHAMBER WORK SESSION

- The committee chairs schedule a work session.
- During the work session, amendments, if desired, are adopted, and the bill is moved out of the committee.
- Based on the fiscal and revenue analysis, a bill may be referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.
- During the 2026 Session, each bill must be moved from a policy committee in its chamber of origin by February 16, 2026.

STEP 5: 1ST CHAMBER FLOOR VOTE

- Next, the bill receives a second reading on the floor of the chamber of origin.
- Typically, a bill second read will receive its third reading the following session day.
- Following a reading, the bill carrier (assigned in committee) will speak to the bill. Debate will occur on the floor of the chamber.
- A bill must receive aye votes of a majority of members to advance. A two-thirds majority is required for revenue raising measures.

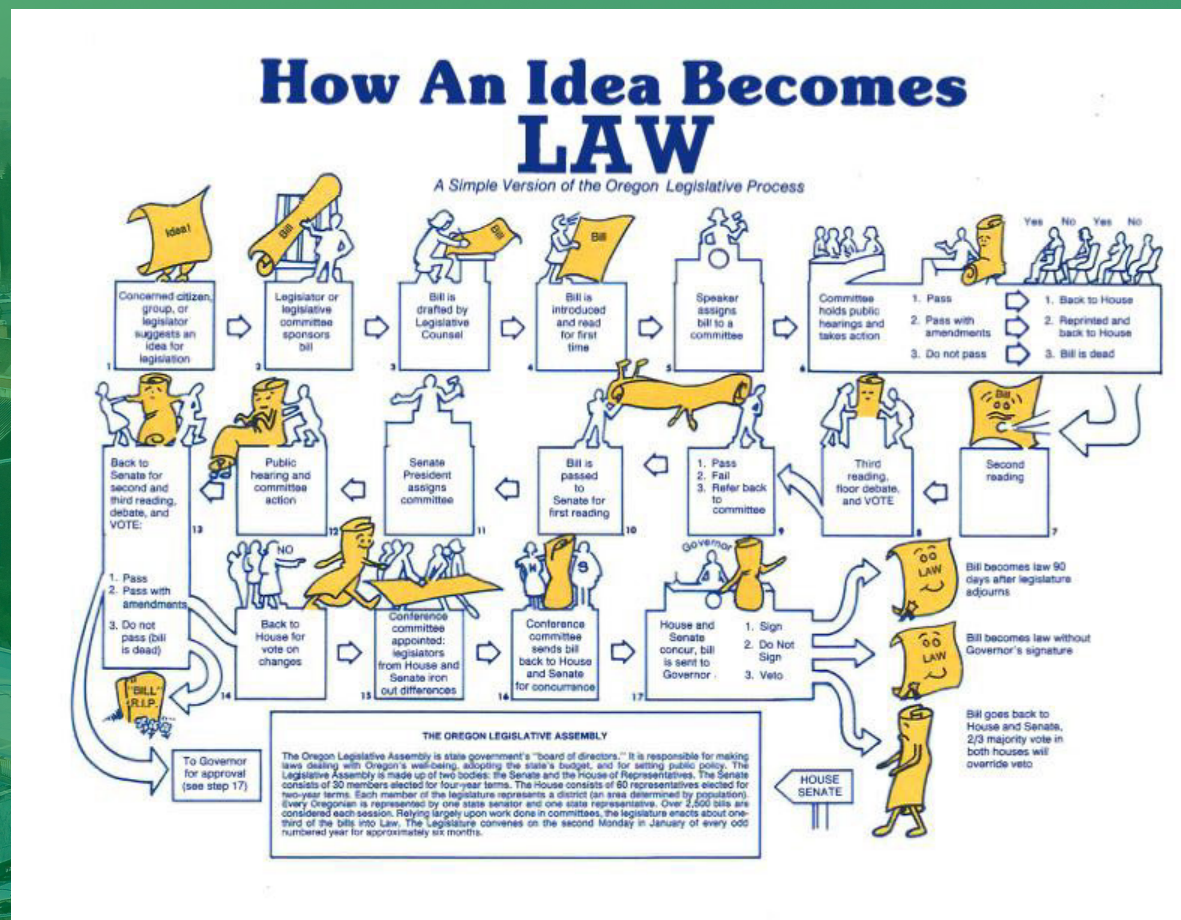
STEP 6: REPEAT IN THE 2ND CHAMBER

- If the bill is passed by a majority of the first chamber, it is sent to the second chamber.
- The public hearing and work session process is repeated.
- If amendments are adopted in the second chamber, the bill requires first chamber concurrence.
- If the second chamber does *not* concur, a conference committee is appointed.
- Bills must be moved out policy committees in their second chamber by February 26, 2026.

STEP 7: ENROLLED AND SIGNED

- If the bill passes both chambers in identical form it is signed by the presiding officers and sent to the governor.
- The governor may sign the bill, allow it to become law without signature, or veto the bill or portions of the bill.
- A veto may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of both chambers.

FULL PROCESS



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