

Bill #: [HB 4002](#) Title: Bill LimitsSubject: General Government  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act limits the number of measure requests that may be made of LC during long regular sessions to stated numbers. The Act sets forth exceptions to those limits. The Act takes effect when signed. (Flesch Readability Score: 76.5). Limits to 25 the number of legislative measures that a member of the Legislative Assembly may ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year. Limits to 15 the number of legislative measures that a committee of the Legislative Assembly may ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year. Provides exceptions. Limits to 200 the combined total number of legislative measures that the Governor and state agencies under the authority of the Governor may ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year. Provides exceptions. Limits to 15 the number of legislative measures that other statewide elected officials and the Judicial Department may each ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year. Authorizes the Senate Rules Committee or the House Rules Committee to ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare additional measures on behalf of requesters. Authorizes the measure's requester to ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare an additional measure when the first legislative chamber passes or adopts a measure. Applies to requests for legislative measures made for the 2027 regular session and subsequent odd-numbered year regular sessions. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

Bill #: [HB 4004](#) Title: Doug Fir Die-offSubject: Revenue  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: President signed.

Digest: The Act says certain tax is not owed for land that does not qualify for forest special assessment due to pests or disease. The Act says the Water Resources Department may allow time extensions for certain water right holders. The Act changes who must be a registered engineer at the department. The Act says the department must help certain water users sign up for a water conservation program. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.5). Provides that additional taxes otherwise imposed upon disqualification of land from certain forestland special assessment programs may not be collected if the disqualification is due to the suspension of reforestation requirements as a result of insects or disease. Authorizes the Water Resources Department to grant time extensions for specified water right permit holders to complete construction and apply water beneficially. Modifies requirement that the department's director or principal assistant be a registered engineer. Modifies provision specifying when a proposed order of the department becomes final. Directs the department to facilitate certain water users' enrollment in a federal conservation program. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Bill #: [HB 4005](#) Title: Water Professionals WeekSubject: Water  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: Governor signed.

Digest: Makes a yearly celebration of water workers in this state that takes place in October. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.8). Designates the first Saturday of October of each year through the end of the Sunday of the following weekend as Water Professionals Appreciation Week. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Bill #: [HB 4006](#) Title: Color of WaterSubject: Water  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: This Act makes changes to laws as they relate to some Columbia River water rights. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.5). Authorizes holders of certain Columbia River water rights to change the point of diversion or use the water right on land to which the right is not appurtenant, provided certain conditions are met. Exempts certain Columbia River water rights from the application requirements for a change to the use of the water right, provided certain conditions are met. Exempts the irrigation systems of intergovernmental entities, with respect to certain water rights, from the application of certain laws pertaining to irrigation ditches and reservoirs. Authorizes the Mid-Columbia Water Commission to participate in the district water rights mapping process, with respect to certain water rights. Requires the commission to report to the Legislative Assembly on the effects of this Act for a period of 10 years.

Bill #: [HB 4008](#) Title: Transit Funding TFSubject: Transpo  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act makes the Transit Funding Task Force and tells the task force to make a report. (Flesch Readability Score: 100). Establishes the Transit Funding Task Force and directs the task force to report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation no later than December 1, 2026. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: HB 4010**      Title: Prompt Payment Public Works      Subject: Public Contracting  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: Tells state agencies that want more work on a construction project than the contract calls for to issue a change order for the work by a certain date or to pay interest if the agency does not. Makes contractors do the same for subcontractors and owners do the same in private contracts. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.6).  
 Requires contracting agencies that procure public improvement contracts or contracts for public works and require additional work outside the scope set forth in the public improvement contract or contract for public works to issue change orders for the additional work within a specific time or to pay interest for failing to do so. Requires similar duties from contractors to subcontractors and from owners to contractors in private construction contracts.  
 Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #: HB 4014**      Title: Int Ntnl Tax TF/State Finance RC      Subject: Finance & Tax  
 Position:      Staff: HW

Status: At Desk upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act creates a task force to study how Oregon taxes income earned by companies doing business in more than one country. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.6).  
 [Digest: The Act directs the LRO to study the state financial system. (Flesch Readability Score: 72.6).]  
 [Requires the Legislative Revenue Officer to study the state financial system. Directs the Legislative Revenue Officer to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to revenue not later than December 1, 2027.]  
 Establishes the Task Force on Taxation of International Income. Directs the task force to investigate whether changes to Oregon's tax code could improve or simplify the state's tax treatment of international income and to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to revenue no later than December 1, 2026.  
 Sunsets the task force on December 31, 2027.  
 Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: HB 4016**      Title: Tax Compliance for Public Contracts      Subject: Finance & Tax  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: President signed.

Digest: Says that people who get public contracts must obey tax laws and must show proof of compliance with tax laws. (Flesch Readability Score: 76.8).  
 Requires public contractors to demonstrate and maintain tax compliance, through a certification process, as a condition of the execution of a public contract. Becomes operative January 1, 2027.  
 Directs the Secretary of State to study methods for collecting information through business registry function to ensure tax compliance by persons doing business in this state.  
 Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #: HB 4017**      Title: Campaign Contribution Use      Subject: Campaign Finance  
 Position:      Staff: HW

Status: President signed.

Digest: The Act permits certain campaign money to be used for security costs. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).  
 Provides that amounts received as contributions by a candidate, principal campaign committee of a candidate and principal campaign committee of a holder of public office may be used for specified security-related expenses.  
 Provides that a candidate or holder of public office may convert to personal use specified items obtained as security-related expenses after the candidate or holder of public office is no longer a candidate or holder of public office. Provides that the conversion to personal use of specified security-related expenses is not a gift for the purposes of government ethics laws.  
 Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: HB 4018**      Title: Elections RC      Subject: Elections  
 Position:      Staff: HW

Status: President signed.

Digest: The Act changes laws about campaign money. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.7).  
 Modifies the timelines for the enactment of certain campaign finance regulations. Modifies the names of certain political committees. Modifies provisions related to in-kind contributions and provisions related to campaign funds that may be carried forward. Temporarily reenacts previously repealed provisions related to covered organizations. Permits corporations and labor unions to establish separate, segregated funds that operate like political committees. Modifies specified deadlines regarding certain filings. Permits a person to cure a violation of election laws.  
 Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: HB 4019** Title: Permits

Subject: General Government  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act says that some agencies have to base approval or denial of permits on the rules in force when the application is done. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.6).  
Requires certain agencies to base approval or denial of an application for a new permit on the rules and standards that are applicable at the time that the agency determines the application is complete.  
Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #: HB 4020** Title: Rule Denials

Subject: General Government  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: President signed.

Digest: The Act makes some agencies tell a permit applicant the legal reason for denial and give a guide about contesting the denial. The Act makes some agencies make a KPM for how fast the agency gives out permits. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.6).  
Requires certain agencies to specify the authority justifying the denial of a permit application and provide the applicant a guide on how to contest the denial.  
Requires certain agencies to develop a performance measure to measure the timeliness of permit and permit renewal processing and issuance.  
Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #: HB 4021** Title: Administrative Rules RC

Subject: General Government  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: President signed.

Digest: The Act changes the effective date and notice given for some agencies' rules. The Act tells some agencies to let people know where to ask questions about the agencies' rules. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.5).  
Modifies effective date and notice requirements for certain permanent rules adopted, amended or repealed by certain agencies.  
Requires certain agencies to make available on the agency's website contact information for questions about each rule adopted, amended or repealed.  
Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #: HB 4023** Title: Mannix Cherriots Bill

Subject: Transpo  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act limits methods of financing for some mass transit districts. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).  
Restores the restrictions on methods of financing for certain mass transit districts.  
Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #: HB 4025** Title: Rate Increase Timing

Subject: Water  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: Governor signed.

Digest: Allows a public utility other than a power or gas company to raise rates year-round. Takes effect 91 days after sine die. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.0).  
Allows an increase in the residential rates of a public utility to take effect from November 1 to March 31 for public utilities other than public utilities that provide electricity or natural gas services.  
Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #: HB 4032** Title: Emergency Fuel

Subject: Public Safety  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: This Act tells ODOE to study and make a report on emergency fuel storage sites. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.5).  
Directs the State Department of Energy to evaluate and prioritize geographically dispersed emergency fuel storage sites.  
Requires the department to submit preliminary and final findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy and emergency management.

**Bill #: HB 4033** Title: Emergency Volunteers

Subject: Public Safety  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: President signed.

Digest: The Act puts ODEM in charge of the volunteer database known as ORVID. The Act tells ODEM to adapt the database in specified ways. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.7).  
Transfers responsibility for the volunteer database known as ORVID from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management. Directs the department to adapt and maintain the database.  
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: HB 4035**      Title: Land Use RC      Subject: Land Use  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: President signed.

Digest: This Act amends temp UGB program and lets LCDC award grants. (Flesch Readability Score: 80.3). Expands eligibility for cities and Metro to amend their urban growth boundaries under a temporary program. Provides an alternative pathway within the temporary program by which the City of Woodburn may amend its urban growth boundary. Authorizes the Land Conservation and Development Commission to issue grants to implement the commission's duties. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: HB 4037**      Title: Big Housing      Subject: Housing  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: President signed.

Digest: This Act changes some housing programs, agencies and laws and rules about home building. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.7). Adjusts certain terms of the revolving loan program for cities and counties to fund affordable housing projects. Allows state agencies to adjust terms of a grant made to the Network for Oregon Affordable Housing in the last biennium. Limits the building permit plan review for housing with two or fewer dwelling units. Establishes a local government process for land use approvals for housing subject only to clear and objective standards, conditions and procedures. Becomes operative on July 1, 2026. Establishes responsibilities for landlords and tenants for residential tenancies destroyed by natural disasters. Requires state agencies to give priority to housing providers when transferring surplus real property. Requires the Land Conservation and Development Commission to adopt rules regarding prioritization of lands added to urban reserves. Limits the amount of commercial lands within certain planned areas that may be used for affordable housing. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #: HB 4044**      Title: Emergency Mgmt RC      Subject: Public Safety  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act creates a new office in DHS to provide human services in emergencies. The Act creates new assistance programs for emergencies. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.0).  
 [Digest: The Act creates a new office in DHS to provide human services in emergencies. The Act creates grant programs for emergencies. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.2).]  
 Creates the Office of Resilience and Emergency Management within the Department of Human Services. Sets forth the powers and duties of the office. Establishes the Oregon Public Assistance Grant Program, administered by the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, to issue grants to government units and certain nonprofit organizations to perform emergency-related work to protect public health, safety or property. Establishes the Oregon Individual Assistance [Grant] Program, administered by the Department of Human Services, to [issue grants] provide assistance to address critical emergency-related needs of individuals. Appropriates moneys for the program.

**Bill #: HB 4049**      Title: Harney Basin Water      Subject: General Government  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: This Act lets ground water users in Harney Valley make agreements to limit their water use. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.6).  
 [Directs] Authorizes the Water Resources Commission to encourage and approve voluntary agreements between ground water users in the Greater Harney Valley Groundwater Area of Concern to achieve reasonably stable ground water levels. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #: HB 4053**      Title: EMS Fund      Subject: Public Safety  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: President signed.

Digest: The Act makes an EMS Program Fund and changes the name of a committee. The Act tells OHA to make minimum education requirements for EMS providers. The Act also makes a subcommittee. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.1). Establishes the Emergency Medical Services Program Fund. Changes the name of the Pediatric Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee to the Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Committee. Directs the Oregon Health Authority to establish by rule minimum educational requirements for licensure as an emergency medical services provider. Prohibits a person from using certain titles or initials unless the person is licensed at a level that corresponds to the title or initials. Becomes operative on January 1, 2027. Establishes the Long Term Care and Senior Care Emergency Medical Services Advisory Subcommittee within the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the committee on issues related to long term care and senior care. Becomes operative on January 1, 2029. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Bill #: [HB 4055](#) Title: Cybersecurity Incidents

Subject: Technology  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: Tells a local public body to give a report to the state when there is an information security incident. Prescribes what must be in the report. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).  
Requires a local government, local service district or special government body to notify and submit a report to the State Chief Information Officer within 48 hours of an information security incident or ransomware incident. Prescribes the information that a public body is required to report.  
Directs the State Chief Information Officer to establish a reporting system that allows a public body to submit a notification or report in a timely, secure and confidential manner. Directs the State Chief Information Officer to create a webpage to provide instructions on how to provide notification and submit a report.  
Requires the State Chief Information Officer to provide an annual report to the Governor and the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology on the information security incidents and ransomware incidents reported for the preceding year.  
Exempts information security incident or ransomware incident reports from disclosure under public records laws and allows for the sharing of information under certain circumstances.  
Becomes operative July 1, 2026.  
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

Bill #: [HB 4064](#) Title: Foreclosure Delinquent Taxes

Subject: Finance & Tax  
Position: Staff:

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act would establish when charges made by HOAs and condo associations start to accrue on property deeded to the county in a tax foreclosure. The Act would create a lien for the amount of the charges on the property. The Act would bar certain costs from inclusion in the amount of the charges secured by the lien. The Act would say who is liable for the charges and the date on which the lien must be satisfied. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.9).  
Establishes when homeowners and condominium association assessments accrue on property deeded to the county in the tax foreclosure process. Creates a lien for the amount of the assessments against the property. Excludes certain costs from the amount of assessments secured by the lien. Establishes the liability for the assessments and the date on which the lien must be satisfied.  
Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Bill #: [HB 4071](#) Title: Ski Rec Immunity

Subject: General Government  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act says that an operator may require a person who does recreation to release the operator from some types of claims. Tells OBDD to study issues for the recreation industry and make a report. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.9).  
Provides that an operator may require an adult person who engages in a sport, fitness or recreational activity in various ways to release the operator from claims for ordinary negligence.  
Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to study recreation commerce and report to an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than December 15, 2026.  
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

Bill #: [HB 4082](#) Title: UGB for Senior Housing

Subject: Land Use  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: President signed.

Digest: This Act allows cities to add sites to their UGB for manufactured dwelling parks or housing for older persons. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.8).  
Adds to a temporary UGB addition program an option for each city or Metro to also add to its urban growth boundary a site for manufactured dwellings, prefabricated structures or manufactured dwelling parks, or for housing that is predominantly for older persons and affordable for households with incomes not more than 120 percent of area median income.  
Sunsets January 2, 2033.  
Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Bill #: [HB 4084](#) Title: Fast Track KJK/Enterprise Zone

Subject: Land Use  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: President signed.

Digest: The Act would set up a Joint Permitting Council to run a fast track permit program.  
 The Act would direct certain state agencies to publish a list of certain permits that can be issued by the agencies.  
 The Act would adjust certain requirements of the enterprise zone program and restrict the use of the program for data centers.  
 The Act would adjust the tax credit for a taxpayer that creates new jobs. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.5).  
 [Digest: The Act would set up a Joint Permitting Council to run a fast track permit program.]  
 [The Act would direct certain state agencies to publish a list of certain permits that can be issued by the agencies.]  
 [The Act would adjust certain requirements of the enterprise zone program.]  
 [The Act would give money to OBDD. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.3).]  
 Establishes the Joint Permitting Council. Directs the council to administer a fast track permitting program.  
 Directs certain state agencies to publish a catalog of permits related to economic development projects issued by the agencies within 120 days after the effective date of the Act.  
 Updates certain requirements and thresholds for the enterprise zone program. Restricts the use of the program for data centers.  
 [Appropriates moneys to the Oregon Business Development Department for deposit in the Industrial Site Loan Fund.]  
 Modifies provisions establishing a personal income or corporate excise tax credit for a taxpayer that creates new jobs.  
 Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Bill #: [HB 4086](#) Title: Industrial Symbiosis

Subject: Economic Development  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: President signed.

Digest: The Act would have Business Oregon make a plan to boost industrial symbiosis, which means the use of the resources of one firm by a second firm. The Act would set up four pilots that would get tech help from the agency for symbiosis projects. The Act would let certain county service districts fund their facilities with the charges they collect. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.7).  
 [Digest: The Act would have Business Oregon make a plan to boost industrial symbiosis, which means the use of the resources of one firm by a second firm. The Act would set up four pilots that would get tech help from the agency for symbiosis projects. The Act would grant funds to the Oregon Coast Visitors Association for a project that has to do with the food and nonfood use of fish. The Act would let certain county service districts fund their facilities with the charges they collect. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.1).]  
 Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to develop a roadmap for the purpose of promoting industrial symbiosis activities in Oregon. Directs the department to provide technical assistance for priority capital projects to four industrial symbiosis pilot communities.  
 [Directs the department to award appropriated moneys to the Oregon Coast Visitors Association to replicate the success of the Iceland Ocean Cluster 100% Fish Project.]  
 Authorizes county service districts providing sewage and water management services to finance service facilities with charges imposed for the services.  
 Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Bill #: [HB 4093](#) Title: Disability Protections

Subject: Labor  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act makes new laws with respect to people with disabilities. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.9).  
 Directs the Bureau of Labor and Industries to create certain guidance and informational materials to assist employers and employees.  
 Prohibits employers from denying an employee's request to have [an authorized representative] a support person accompany the employee in discussions concerning reasonable accommodation subject to specific conditions.  
 Extends prohibition against discrimination in government services, programs and activities to local governments.  
 Prohibits employers from using minimum physical requirements [to screen out persons with disabilities] in a job posting without connecting the physical requirements to the essential functions of the job.

Bill #: [HB 4094](#) Title: Unused Sick Leave Payout

Subject: Labor  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: This Act makes laws about payouts for certain unused paid time off. (Flesch Readability Score: 81.8).  
 [Requires employers who provide paid vacation time to compensate employees for all earned or accrued but unused paid vacation time when employment terminates.]  
 Requires employers that provide, by written policy or employment contract, for the payment of earned or accrued but unused paid time off upon termination to make such payments in accordance with statutory requirements governing final wages.  
 Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #:** HB 4100      **Title:** Bulk Fuel Terminals**Subject:** Public Safety  
**Position:**                      **Staff:** ML**Status:** President signed.

**Digest:** This Act makes owners of bulk oils and liquid fuels terminals show they can cover the costs of oil or fuel spills. (Flesch Readability Score: 80.6).  
Requires owners or operators of bulk oils or liquid fuels terminals to obtain a certificate of financial responsibility from the Department of Environmental Quality.  
Directs the Environmental Quality Commission to establish rules pertaining to certificates of financial responsibility. Requires the department to report to the Legislative Assembly on the implementation of the Act each even-numbered year.  
Preempts local governments from requiring financial assurance that exceeds or is in addition to the requirements of the Act.  
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #:** HB 4102      **Title:** DEQ Regulatory Processes**Subject:** Environment  
**Position:**                      **Staff:** ML**Status:** President signed.

**Digest:** This Act changes the way DEQ can agree to make a regulatory process work faster or better. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.1).  
Modifies the authority of the Department of Environmental Quality to enter into agreements with regulated entities to expedite or enhance a regulatory process.  
Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #:** HB 4103      **Title:** AI Commission**Subject:** Tech  
**Position:**                      **Staff:** HW**Status:** In committee upon adjournment.

**Digest:** The Act makes a commission on AI to look at the state's use of AI. The Act also tells DAS to hire a person to make a privacy, data protection and AI plan for the state. (Flesch Readability Score: 80.4).  
[**Digest:** The Act makes a commission on AI to be a central resource on using AI in this state. The Act also tells DAS to hire a Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.5).]  
Establishes the Senator Aaron Woods Commission on Artificial Intelligence within the office of Enterprise Information Services.  
[Establishes the commission's purpose to serve as a central resource to monitor the use of artificial intelligence technologies and systems in this state and report on long-term policy implications.] Directs the commission to identify and report on long-term policy implications in the use of artificial intelligence technologies by the state. Directs the commission to [provide] submit an annual report to the Legislative Assembly. Allows the commission to make recommendations for legislation, regulations or policy to the Legislative Assembly.  
Directs the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to hire [a Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer to assist the commission in carrying out the commission's duties.] an individual responsible for developing the state's strategic vision related to privacy, data protection and artificial intelligence. Allows the department to charge a state [or local agency or public body] agency, officer, board or commission for [the commission's] services provided by the department or the Senator Aaron Woods Commission on Artificial Intelligence.

**Bill #:** HB 4105      **Title:** Sustainable Timber Harvest**Subject:** Revenue  
**Position:**                      **Staff:** ML**Status:** In committee upon adjournment.

**Digest:** The Act tells the State Forester to see how much forestland there is. The Act tells the State Forester to make harvest levels for cutting timber on state forestland. The Act tells the State Forester to manage state forestland. The Act says some people can ask for a court order to tell the State Forester to comply with this Act. (Flesch Readability Score: 75.9).  
Directs the State Forester to determine the available state forestland, establish sustainable harvest levels for harvesting timber on state forestland and manage available state forestland.  
Allows certain persons to seek a court order if the State Forester fails to establish sustainable harvest levels or manage available state forestland.  
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #:** HB 4108      **Title:** Annexation**Subject:** Land Use  
**Position:**                      **Staff:** ML**Status:** President signed.

**Digest:** This Act lets Eugene add some noncontiguous land to the city. (Flesch Readability Score: 72.6).  
Allows the City of Eugene to annex noncontiguous land upon receipt of a petition from all owners of the land that satisfies four eligibility criteria.

**Bill #:** HB 4109      **Title:** Repeal Pay for Strikes**Subject:** Labor  
**Position:**                      **Staff:** ML**Status:** In committee upon adjournment.

**Digest:** The Act would repeal the law that allows UI benefits to be paid to a person who is unemployed due to an active strike. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.6).  
Repeals Enrolled Senate Bill 916 (2025), which authorized unemployment insurance benefits for individuals who are unemployed due to a strike.

Bill #: [HB 4119](#) Title: MCO Any Willing Provider

Subject: Workers Comp  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act would make it so that an MCO plan could not discriminate against any willing provider in its area. The Act would expand the kinds of providers who may treat injured workers as attending physicians. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.6). Requires for the certification of a managed care provider plan that the plan not discriminate against any willing provider within the geographical service area of the managed care organization. Includes nurse practitioners, physician associates, chiropractic physicians and naturopathic physicians in the definition of "attending physician" for purposes of the treatment of workers' compensable injuries.

Bill #: [HB 4121](#) Title: Emergency Mgmt Office

Subject: Public Safety  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: President signed.

Digest: The Act creates new systems and structures and changes law to improve emergency response in the state. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.1). Creates [statewide emergency preparedness offices and authorities] authority to coordinate emergency management. [Authorizes bonding for public safety projects.] Requires state agencies to designate liaisons for emergency management. Imposes duties on the Oregon Department of Emergency Management related to management of emergency preparedness assets. Modifies the definitions of and grant requirements for Resilience Hubs and Resilience Networks. Authorizes certain training facilities to host overnight training activities. Requires the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to obtain fingerprints of employees and contractors. Authorizes counties to waive certain civil penalties related to food service facilities during emergencies. Requires the Department of the State Fire Marshal to study health coverage for firefighters. [Requires legislative committees to identify a revenue source for certain public safety programs.] Establishes grant programs for emergencies.

Bill #: [HB 4147](#) Title: Amazon OHP Medicaid Study

Subject: Health Care  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act tells the Oregon Health Authority to create a report about large employers that have employees who get health care from the state. Takes effect 91 days after the session ends. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.3). Requires the Oregon Health Authority to collaborate with the Department of Human Services and the Employment Department to submit an annual report that [identifies] provides information about employers that employ [50] 500 or more employees in this state and [that] have employees [or dependents of the employees] who are medical assistance recipients. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Bill #: [HB 4148](#) Title: TLT Local Revenue

Subject: Finance & Tax  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: President signed.

Digest: The Act would let local transient lodging tax money be used for grants to small dining and lodging businesses. The Act would also let the tax money be used for services provided by a special district in lieu of a city or county. The Act would change the split of tax uses from at least 70 percent for tourism and no more than 30 percent for local services to at least 50 percent and no more than 50 percent. The Act would let local governments with grandfathered tax laws use the tax money in the new split ratios. The Act would make local governments file a tax revenue report every other year for LRO to combine and submit to the legislature. The Act would have LRO study the uses of the net revenue as allowed under the Act and turn its findings in to the legislature. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.6). [Digest: The Act would let local transient lodging tax money be used for city or county services provided by a special district in lieu of the city or county. The Act would change the split of tax uses from at least 70 percent for tourism and no more than 30 percent for local services to at least 40 percent and no more than 60 percent. The Act would let local governments with grandfathered tax laws use the new provisions of the Act. The Act would make local governments file a tax revenue report every other year. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).] Allows net local transient lodging tax revenue to be used for resiliency grants for small businesses in the restaurant and lodging industry. Allows city and county services for which net local transient lodging tax revenue may be used to be provided either directly by the city or county or indirectly by a special district. Changes the division of allowable uses of net local transient lodging tax revenue from at least 70 percent for tourism-related expenses and no more than 30 percent for city or county services, to at least [40] 50 percent and no more than [60] 50 percent, respectively. Allows units of local government with restricted grandfathered local transient lodging tax regimes to take advantage of the new provisions of the Act. Establishes biennial reporting by local governments of amounts and uses of local transient lodging tax revenue, the reported information to be aggregated by the Legislative Revenue Officer and submitted to the Legislative Assembly. Directs the Legislative Revenue Officer to conduct a study of the percentage requirements for allowable uses of local transient lodging tax revenue as amended by the Act and to submit the findings to the Legislative Assembly. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #:** [HB 4156](#)      **Title:** GEMT      **Subject:** Public Safety  
**Position:**      **Staff:** ML

**Status:** President signed.

**Digest:** The Act makes changes to the program for paying for GEMT services. (Flesch Readability Score: 81.8).  
 Modifies the requirements for Medicaid supplemental reimbursements paid to emergency medical services providers.  
 Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #:** [HB 4159](#)      **Title:** OEGC Membership      **Subject:** Ethics  
**Position:**      **Staff:** HW

**Status:** President signed.

**Digest:** The Act says that one person put on the OGEC must have a certain background. The Act protects certain protected words during investigations by the OGEC. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).  
 [Digest: The Act says that the Governor has to put a person with a certain background on the OGEC. The Act protects certain protected words during investigations by the OGEC. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.8).]  
 [Provides that the Governor shall appoint one member of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission who has local government experience.]  
 Provides that at least one member who is appointed to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission must have local government experience.  
 Provides that attorney-client privilege is not waived when a communication is made to the commission for purposes of providing information regarding a complaint alleging a violation of government ethics laws or public meetings laws.

**Bill #:** [HB 4161](#)      **Title:** Public Official Gain      **Subject:** Ethics  
**Position:**      **Staff:** HW

**Status:** President signed.

**Digest:** The Act allows a public body to give public employees certain things. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).  
 Provides exceptions to the prohibited use by a public official of official position or office to obtain financial gain or avoid financial detriment that permit a public body to give public officials food, beverages and merchandise.  
 Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #:** [HB 4163](#)      **Title:** Motor Voter      **Subject:** Elections  
**Position:**      **Staff:** HW

**Status:** In committee upon adjournment.

**Digest:** The Act tells the SOS to study automatic voter signing up. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.9).  
 Requires the Secretary of State to study automatic voter registration. Directs the Secretary of State to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to elections no later than September 15, 2027.  
 Sunsets on January 2, 2028.

**Bill #:** [HB 4164](#)      **Title:** Campaign Finance RC      **Subject:** Campaign Finance  
**Position:**      **Staff:** HW

**Status:** In committee upon adjournment.

**Digest:** The Act tells the SOS to study campaign finance. (Flesch Readability Score: 84.9).  
 Requires the Secretary of State to study campaign finance. Directs the Secretary of State to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to elections no later than September 15, 2027.  
 Sunsets on January 2, 2028.

**Bill #:** [HB 4165](#)      **Title:** Campaign Finance RC      **Subject:** Campaign Finance  
**Position:**      **Staff:** HW

**Status:** In committee upon adjournment.

**Digest:** The Act tells the SOS to study campaign finance. (Flesch Readability Score: 84.9).  
 Requires the Secretary of State to study campaign finance. Directs the Secretary of State to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to elections no later than September 15, 2027.  
 Sunsets on January 2, 2028.

**Bill #:** [HB 4172](#)      **Title:** Ethics RC      **Subject:** Ethics  
**Position:**      **Staff:** HW

**Status:** In committee upon adjournment.

**Digest:** The Act tells the OGEC to study government ethics. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.1).  
 Requires the Oregon Government Ethics Commission to study government ethics. Directs the commission to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to government ethics no later than September 15, 2027.  
 Sunsets on January 2, 2028.

**Bill #: HB 5201** Title: Budget Expenditure Limitations Subject: Finance & Tax  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act is a budget bill for an unspecified state agency. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.9).  
Establishes biennial appropriations and expenditure limitations for \_\_\_\_\_ for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.  
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: HB 5202** Title: Budget Expenditure Limitations Subject: Finance & Tax  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act is a budget bill for an unspecified state agency. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.9).  
Establishes biennial appropriations and expenditure limitations for \_\_\_\_\_ for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.  
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: HB 5203** Title: Agency Fees Subject: Finance & Tax  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: President signed.

Digest: The Act approves certain fees charged by state agencies. (Flesch Readability Score: 75.5).  
Approves certain new or increased fees adopted by state agencies.  
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: HB 5204** Title: Budget Rebalance Subject: Finance & Tax  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: President signed.

Digest: The Act makes budget changes for the current biennium. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.1).  
Establishes and modifies certain biennial appropriations made from the General Fund to specified state agencies and the Emergency Board.  
Establishes and modifies limitations on expenditures for certain biennial expenses for specified state agencies.  
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: HJR 201** Title: Open Primaries Subject: Elections  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: Proposes a change to the state Constitution. Requires the names of all candidates to be listed on a single ballot for a primary. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.0).  
Proposes an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to require that primary election ballots must contain the names of all candidates of any political party affiliation for specified offices. Provides that a registered elector in this state may not be denied the right to vote in any primary election in this state solely because that elector is registered as unaffiliated with any political party. Permits a political party to decline to participate in a primary election, subject to certain requirements. Designates a minor political party.  
Refers the proposed amendment to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election.

**Bill #: SB 1506** Title: Revenue Relating Clause Subject: Finance & Tax  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act would have DCBS set a rate in order to put at least a minimum amount in a new fund to pay for certain BOLI positions. The Act would also have the rate be set to create and maintain a year of expenses for this purpose. The Act would bar moneys from the Workers' Benefit Fund being used for this purpose. The Act would raise the cap on the fee paid by public agencies for contracts subject to the prevailing wage rate. The Act would require BOLI to report every other year as to whether the cap brings in enough money to pay for BOLI's staffing needs. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.3).  
[Digest: Tells LPRO to conduct a study on how state labor agencies in other states are funded. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.9).]

[Requires the Legislative Policy and Research Director to conduct a study of the manner in which state labor agencies in other states are funded. Directs the director to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to labor and business no later than September 15, 2027.]

[Sunsets on January 2, 2028.]  
Amends the Workers' Benefit Fund assessment statute to direct the Department of Consumer and Business Services to set an additional assessment rate in order to deposit in a new BOLI Expenses Fund at least the greater of a minimum dollar amount to fund certain positions at the Bureau of Labor and Industries or 12 months of projected expenses for this purpose. Requires the assessment rate be set at a level to create and maintain a 12-month reserve in the new fund. Prohibits the transfer of assessment moneys in the Workers' Benefit Fund to the new fund for the Bureau of Labor and Industries positions.  
Raises the maximum fee amount paid by public agencies that award public works contracts subject to the prevailing wage rate. Requires the Bureau of Labor and Industries to submit a biennial report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly relating to labor that examines whether the maximum fee amount raises enough revenue for the bureau to meet its staffing needs.  
Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #: SB 1508** Title: Elections RC Subject: Elections  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act tells the SOS to study elections. (Flesch Readability Score: 82.3).  
Requires the Secretary of State to study elections. Directs the Secretary of State to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to elections no later than September 15, 2027.  
Sunsets on January 2, 2028.

**Bill #: SB 1510** Title: Multinational/Taxation RC Subject: Finance & Tax  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: Speaker signed.

Digest: The Act makes technical fixes and slight policy updates to some tax statutes. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).  
Updates the terminology used to describe certain income earned by multinational corporations to reflect a change in the term used in federal law. Aligns sunset dates for earned income tax credit provisions with the underlying sunset date for the credit.  
Expands the tax credit for certified film production development contributions to allow the use of contributions for the production of commercials. Applies to fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2026.  
[Provides an exception from the annual filing requirement for the property tax exemption for property burdened by an affordable housing covenant used for owner-occupied housing. Applies to property tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2027.]  
Extends the sunset for the property tax exemption for cargo containers.  
Repeals the requirement that revenue from a tribal tax on the distribution of motor vehicle fuel that is exempt from the gas taxes under Oregon law is subject to the highway-use restrictions under the Oregon Constitution.  
Extends the applicability of the pass-through business alternative income tax and tax credit through the 2027 tax year. Allows overpayments to be credited as estimated payments for the next tax year.  
Requires the State Board of Tax Practitioners to register as enrolled agents individuals who are authorized by the Internal Revenue Service to represent taxpayers as enrolled agents.  
Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #: SB 1514** Title: 3115 Repeal Subject: General Government  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act would repeal the law that set a state standard for city and county laws that govern the use of public property by the homeless. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.3).  
Repeals the statute enacted by House Bill 3115 (2021) that established objective reasonableness as a statewide standard, for city and county laws regulating the use of public property with respect to persons experiencing homelessness, as the basis for a cause of action for injunctive and declaratory relief to challenge such laws and as an affirmative defense in the prosecution of violations of such laws.  
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: SB 1516** Title: Public Official Harrass/Public Safety RC Subject: Public Safety  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: Speaker signed.

Digest: The Act puts limits on law enforcement's use of ALPRs. The Act allows a person to sue an ALPR vendor for misuse or improper release of the person's data. The Act says that a standing order on pretrial release does not affect how the court makes the release decision. The Act also makes changes to the Justice Equity Reinvestment Program. The Act goes into effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.9).  
[Digest: The Act changes a crime to include subjecting a public official to alarm by conveying a threat. The Act also says that a standing order on pretrial release does not affect how the court makes the release decision. The Act goes into effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.6).]  
[Expands the crime of aggravated harassment to include threats concerning public officials in specified circumstances. Punishes by a maximum of five years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$125,000, or both.]  
Provides that standing pretrial release orders do not affect the authority of a magistrate to consider the primary and secondary release criteria when making a release decision.  
Restricts law enforcement agencies' use of automated license plate recognition systems except for specified authorized uses.  
Limits retention of captured license plate data to no more than 30 days unless the captured license plate data is related to an ongoing criminal investigation or court proceeding. Requires law enforcement agencies to adopt policies for ALPR vendor contracts and the use of ALPRs and captured license plate data. Limits sharing of captured license plate data with non-Oregon law enforcement agencies.  
Prohibits ALPR vendors from accessing, selling or disclosing captured license plate data. Provides exemptions. Authorizes the imposition of civil penalties for intentional or grossly negligent violations. Authorizes civil actions for violations.  
Removes the named administrator of and technical assistance provider for the Justice Reinvestment Equity Program and requires the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to select a technical assistance provider according to specified criteria.  
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: SB 1517**      Title: Skiing Immunity      Subject: General Government  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: Speaker signed.

Digest: The Act says that an operator can make a person doing sports, fitness or recreation waive some claims for negligence. The Act says that some types of claims may not be waived. The Act says that whether a risk is inherent to an activity is a question of law. (Flesch Readability Score: 76.5).  
 [Digest: The Act says that an operator can make a person doing sports, fitness or recreation waive some claims for negligence. The Act says that some types of claims may not be waived. (Flesch Readability Score: 82.2).]  
 Provides that an operator may require a participant in a sport, fitness or recreational activity to release the operator for claims for ordinary negligence under certain circumstances. Specifies certain types of claims that may not be waived.  
 Provides that in a claim for damages for injuries sustained while a participant is engaged in a sport, fitness or recreational activity, whether a risk is inherent to the activity is a question of law.  
 Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: SB 1518**      Title: Worker Protections RC      Subject: Labor  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: Effective date, January 1, 2027.

Digest: This Act updates the laws on what wages must be paid to workers who engage in certain domestic services. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.3).  
 [Digest: The Act directs BOLI to study issues about worker protections. The Act tells BOLI to submit a report by September 15 of next year. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).]  
 [Requires the Bureau of Labor and Industries to study issues relating to worker protections. Directs the bureau to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to labor and business no later than September 15, 2027.]  
 [Sunsets on January 2, 2028.]  
 Clarifies the meaning of "companionship services" for purposes of minimum wage and overtime requirements for certain individuals performing such services.

**Bill #: SB 1519**      Title: Temp Total Disability      Subject: Workers Comp  
 Position:      Staff: HW

Status: Speaker signed.

Digest: The Act would change how total disability comp is set. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.7).  
 [Digest: The Act would pay a temp total disability comp claim based on the part of weekly pay that is at or below, or more than, 75% of the average weekly wage for the state. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.3).]  
 [Provides that the percentage of a worker's wage paid as compensation during a period of temporary total disability shall be determined by the portion of the worker's wage that is less than or equal to, or greater than, 75 percent of the state average weekly wage.]  
 Changes the formula for determining permanent and temporary total disability compensation.

**Bill #: SB 1521**      Title: Inclusionary Zoning Penalties      Subject: Housing  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: Speaker signed.

Digest: This Act makes Portland-area cities and counties make up the usual costs to a builder when making the builder add low-cost homes. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.4).  
 Prohibits cities and counties within the Portland MSA from enforcing requirements that developers provide affordable units in multiunit dwellings unless the city or county first calculates the developers' average expected losses due to providing affordable housing and the city or county offsets those losses.  
 Becomes operative for rental housing on January 1, 2028.  
 Becomes operative for all housing on January 1, 2029.

**Bill #: SB 1522**      Title: Housing RC      Subject: Housing  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: This Act makes OHCS study housing. (Flesch Readability Score: 87.9).  
 Requires the Housing and Community Services Department to study housing. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to housing no later than September 15, 2027.  
 Sunsets on January 2, 2028.

**Bill #: SB 1525**      Title: Blue Economy TF      Subject: Ports  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: Speaker signed.

Digest: This Act creates the Blue Economy Task Force and lets the Oregon Ocean Science Trust form a nonprofit. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.3).  
 Establishes the Blue Economy Task Force. Directs the task force to study Oregon's blue economy and submit a report to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2027.  
 Authorizes the Oregon Ocean Science Trust to create and maintain a nonprofit organization.  
 Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #: SB 1530**      Title: Threats to Public Officials      Subject: Public Safety  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act changes a crime to include subjecting a public official to alarm by conveying a threat. The Act goes into effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.6).  
 Expands the crime of aggravated harassment to include threats concerning public officials in specified circumstances. Punishes by a maximum of five years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$125,000, or both.  
 Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: SB 1531**      Title: EMC RC      Subject: Public Safety  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act tells OHA to conduct a study about EMS funding. (Flesch Readability Score: 72.6).  
 Requires the Oregon Health Authority to study the feasibility of funding emergency medical services through a universal health care model. Directs the authority to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to emergency management no later than September 15, 2027.  
 Sunsets on January 2, 2028.

**Bill #: SB 1541**      Title: Climate Superfund      Subject: Environment  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: This Act creates a program to recover the costs of climate change. (Flesch Readability Score: 81.8).  
 Establishes the Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program as an interagency response to the effects of climate change. Directs the Department of Land Conservation and Development to serve as the lead agency of an interagency team. Requires [the department] certain agencies to conduct an assessment on the costs of greenhouse gas emissions.  
 Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to issue cost recovery demand notices to entities determined to be responsible for the costs of climate change.  
 Establishes the Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program Account.  
 Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #: SB 1542**      Title: 10-Year STIP Plan/Trans RC      Subject: Transpo  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: Directs OTC to create a 10-year CIP. The CIP must include a way to score and rank projects before they are added to the STIP. The Act tells ODOT to report on how the roads are faring. The OTC must add more information to its website. (Flesch Readability Score: 86.9).  
 Directs the Oregon Transportation Commission to create a 10-year capital investment plan. Provides that the plan must include a scoring methodology to prioritize and rank projects that are included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.  
 Specifies requirements for the scoring methodology.  
 Adds criteria to the list the commission must consider before adding a project to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.  
 Requires the Department of Transportation to produce a condition report on the highways.  
 Specifies additional information the commission must include on its website.

**Bill #: SB 1543**      Title: Transpo RC      Subject: Transpo  
 Position:      Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act makes changes to OTC and tells the OTC to make a policy about how to handle debt for road projects. The Act says that ODOT may still ask to issue bonds, but first it must let the OTC know and review the request. (Flesch Readability Score: 82.4).  
 Modifies membership of the Oregon Transportation Commission.  
 Directs the commission to develop a debt financing management policy for all forms of debt financing issued to finance highway projects.  
 Provides that before the Department of Transportation may request the State Treasurer to issue bonds, the department must first submit the proposed request to the Oregon Transportation Commission for review.  
 Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

Bill #: [SB 1544](#) Title: Transpo RCSubject: Transpo  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: Speaker signed.

Digest: The Act changes laws about dismantlers. The Act alters a defined term used in laws about funding public transit. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.0).

[Digest: The Act tells ODOT to report on its progress with current requirements. The Act tells ODOT to create a database like WDOT has and create a transportation university like other states have. The Act tells the director of ODOT to use the central office for project delivery work instead of the regional offices. The Act ends the JCT. The Act changes laws about dismantlers. The Act says certain entities may get funds to provide public transportation services. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.8).]

[Directs the Department of Transportation to report on a required audit, progress in implementing design practices, establishing a transportation university and the creation of a database equivalent to one created by the State of Washington.]

[Directs the Director of Transportation to centralize project delivery efforts.]

[Eliminates the Joint Committee on Transportation.]

Makes changes to laws regulating dismantlers.

Expands the definition of "qualified entity" for purposes of public transportation funding.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Bill #: [SB 1545](#) Title: Corner CrossingSubject: General Government  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: This Act lets a person cross from one parcel of public land to another without committing a trespass. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.6).

Establishes immunity from action for trespass for persons that corner cross on public land. Establishes immunity for landowner for damages due to negligence or gross negligence arising out of corner crossing.

Excludes lawful corner crossing from the definition of "enter or remain unlawfully" for purposes of criminal trespass laws.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

Bill #: [SB 1562](#) Title: TLT WeberSubject: Finance & Tax  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act would let local transient lodging tax money be used for city or county services provided by a special district in lieu of the city or county. The Act would change the split of tax uses from at least 70 percent for tourism and no more than 30 percent for local services to at least 40 percent and no more than 60 percent. The Act would let local governments with grandfathered tax laws use the new provisions of the Act. The Act would make local governments file a tax revenue report every other year. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).

Allows city and county services for which net local transient lodging tax revenue may be used to be provided either directly by the city or county or indirectly by a special district. Changes the division of allowable uses of net local transient lodging tax revenue from at least 70 percent for tourism-related expenses and no more than 30 percent for city or county services, to at least 40 percent and no more than 60 percent, respectively. Allows units of local government with restricted grandfathered local transient lodging tax regimes to take advantage of the new provisions of the Act. Establishes biennial reporting by local governments of amounts and uses of local transient lodging tax revenue.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Bill #: [SB 1563](#) Title: Civil Rights ViolationsSubject: General Government  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: At President's desk upon adjournment.

Digest: The Act lets a person whose civil rights have been violated by a person acting under the color of law sue for damages and other relief. The Act lets a plaintiff who wins this type of suit recover attorney fees. The Act lets a defendant who wins this type of suit recover attorney fees if the plaintiff's claim was frivolous. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.7).

Allows a person who has been deprived of rights, privileges or immunities secured by the Oregon Constitution or the laws of this state by a person acting under color of law to bring a civil action for economic and noneconomic damages and for injunctive or other equitable relief.

Provides for the award of attorney fees and costs to a prevailing plaintiff, or to a prevailing defendant if the court finds that a plaintiff's claim was frivolous, unreasonable or without foundation.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Bill #: [SB 1566](#) Title: PRW Threshold IncreaseSubject: Public Contracting  
Position: Staff: ML

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

Digest: Says that a public agency does not need to set a certain wage level for a project that is affordable housing. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.6).

Exempts certain projects for public works, primarily related to affordable housing, from the requirement to pay a prevailing rate of wage.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #: SB 1569** Title: PERS RC Subject: PERS  
 Position: Staff: HW  
 Status: In committee upon adjournment.  
 Digest: The Act makes some groups of workers police officers for PERS. (Flesch Readability Score: 80.3).  
 Provides that certain members of the Public Employees Retirement System qualify as police officers under the system.

**Bill #: SB 1574** Title: Primary Voting Subject: Elections  
 Position: Staff: HW  
 Status: In committee upon adjournment.  
 Digest: The Act allows certain persons who are 17 years old on the date of a primary to vote in the primary. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.6).  
 Permits a person who will be 17 years of age on the date of a primary election and 18 years of age on the date of the general election to vote at the primary election for candidates of a major political party with which the person is affiliated.  
 Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Secretary of State for the purpose of printing and counting additional ballots.

**Bill #: SB 1578** Title: Rural 50 Acres Subject: Housing  
 Position: Staff: ML  
 Status: In committee upon adjournment.  
 Digest: This Act allows rural counties to zone up to 50 acres for homes and allows more rural ADUs. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.3).  
 Allows counties with a population density of less than 30 people per square mile to rezone up to 50 acres to be divided and developed for residential dwellings of at least five units per acre. Sunsets January 2, 2034.  
 Expands allowed development of accessory dwelling units to farmland with certain existing nonfarm dwellings. Allows the development of larger rural accessory dwelling units.

**Bill #: SB 1584** Title: Salmon Habitat Restoration Credits Subject: Environment  
 Position: Staff: ML  
 Status: In committee upon adjournment.  
 Digest: This Act tells the DSL to make a pilot program for owners of land to restore salmon habitat. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.0).  
 Directs the Department of State Lands, in consultation with the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, to develop a salmon credit pilot program to encourage the voluntary restoration of salmonid habitat in the Coquille and Coos watershed basins.  
 Establishes the Salmon Credit Trust Fund.  
 Directs the Department of State Lands and the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to consult with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to seek federal approval for a bank instrument and authorization of activities that occur in navigable waters of the United States.  
 Becomes operative on the date that the federal authorization and bank instrument are approved.  
 Provides that the Department of State Lands may not approve a salmon credit project on or after January 1 of the sixth year following federal approval.  
 Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #: SB 1585** Title: Matching Grants - Cities Subject: General Government  
 Position: Staff: ML  
 Status: Speaker signed.  
 Digest: The Act would set a maximum percent required for matching grants made by the state to small cities for capital projects. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.6).  
 Sets maximum matching fund requirements for state grants to small incorporated cities for certain capital construction and municipal infrastructure and improvements.  
 Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #:** SB 1586      **Title:** Enterprise Zones**Subject:** Economic Development  
**Position:**                      **Staff:** ML**Status:** In committee upon adjournment.

**Digest:** The Act would change the tax credit for semiconductor research. The Act would set up and change some tax breaks for advanced manufacturing, enterprise zones and regionally significant industrial sites. The Act would direct certain state agencies to set up deadlines to process applications for permits and to make the deadlines public. The Act would make those agencies, no later than 60 days after the date on which the Act becomes law, publish a list of the permits that they issue. The Act would change tax and other laws and rezone lands to aid economic growth. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.4). Modifies the tax credit allowed for semiconductor research. Creates and amends certain programs offering tax breaks related to advanced manufacturing, enterprise zones and regionally significant industrial sites. Directs certain state agencies to establish deadlines within which the agency intends to process applications for permits and make the deadlines available to the public. Directs certain state agencies to publish a catalog of permits issued by the agency within 60 days after the effective date of the Act. Adds rural reserves in Washington County to Metro to be used for high-technology and advanced manufacturing purposes. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #:** SB 1589      **Title:** Lobbying Requirements**Subject:** General Government  
**Position:**                      **Staff:** HW**Status:** In committee upon adjournment.

**Digest:** The Act says that lobbyists must give certain information to the OGEC. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.7). Requires lobbyists to provide a notice to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission regarding certain information about the lobbyist's representation of certain clients, the lobbyist's compensation and the lobbyist's new or different position on legislative action or administrative action. Provides for the contents of the notice. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Bill #:** SB 1592      **Title:** Open Primaries**Subject:** Elections  
**Position:**                      **Staff:** HW**Status:** In committee upon adjournment.

**Digest:** The Act changes how primary elections are done in this state. The Act changes how certain vacancies in office are filled. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.2). Provides that any elector may vote in a primary election. Requires that all candidates of any political party appear on one ballot at a primary election. Provides that the two candidates who receive the two highest numbers of votes at a primary election are nominated to the general election. Permits a political party to decline to participate in the primary election and to nominate the party's candidates using the party's individual nominating process. Provides for the process by which vacancies in specified offices are to be filled. Permits political parties that endorse candidates at an election to be listed on the ballot. Prohibits political parties from endorsing candidates unless the parties provide for fair and open participation by all electors affiliated with those parties in making the endorsement. Repeals provisions regarding precinct committeepersons, county central committees and state central committees.

**Bill #:** SB 1593      **Title:** Rec Immunity**Subject:** General Government  
**Position:**                      **Staff:** ML**Status:** In committee upon adjournment.

**Digest:** The Act says that an operator may require a person who does recreation to waive some kinds of claims. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.7). [Digest: The Act says that an operator may require a person who does recreation to release the operator from some types of claims. Tells OBDD to study issues for the recreation industry and make a report. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.9).] Provides that an operator may require [an adult] a person who engages in a sport, fitness or recreational activity in various ways to release the operator from claims for ordinary negligence. [Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to study recreation commerce and report to an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than December 15, 2026.] Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

SDAO Legislative Bill Summary as of 03/17/26

**Bill #: SB 5701** Title: 2025 Session Bonding Retiming

Subject: Finance & Tax  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: Speaker signed.

Digest: The Act changes law relating to borrowing by the state for certain projects. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).  
[Digest: The Act changes lottery bonds from prior sessions. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.2).]  
Modifies amounts authorized for issuance of debt instruments for the biennium.  
Authorizes issuance of bonds and certificates of participation for Moda Center capital improvement in the current biennium and subsequent biennium, subject to certain conditions.  
Modifies previously approved lottery bonding provisions. Authorizes issuance of various lottery bonds.  
Provides that the Oregon State University Cascades Student Health and Recreation Center project is subject to certain requirements related to apprenticeship, outreach and benefits.  
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: SB 5702** Title: State Financial Admin RC

Subject: Finance & Tax  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: Speaker signed.

Digest: The Act changes the budgets and the timelines for state capital projects. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).  
[Digest: The Act sets the amounts allowed to be spent on capital construction. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.7).]  
Establishes and modifies limits on payment of expenses from specified funds by certain state agencies for capital construction.  
Extends expiration dates of certain capital construction project approvals and expenditure limitations.  
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: SB 5703** Title: State Financial Admin RC

Subject: Finance & Tax  
Position: Staff: HW

Status: Speaker signed.

Digest: The Act changes the allocation of money from certain funds. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.3).  
[Digest: The Act is a budget bill for an unspecified state agency. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.9).]  
[Establishes biennial appropriations and expenditure limitations for \_\_\_\_\_ for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.]  
Modifies amounts allocated from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund, Veterans' Services Fund, Criminal Fine Account, Oregon Marijuana Account and Fund for Student Success.  
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**Bill #: SCR 205** Title: Sine Die

Subject: General Government  
Position: Staff:

Status: Filed With Secretary of State.

Digest: Ends session. (Flesch Readability Score: 77.9).  
Adjourns sine die the 2026 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly.