

Citizens' Guide to the Oregon Legislature

Quick Facts and Resources

Oregon Legislature basics

30 Senators - it takes 16 votes to pass a bill (2/3 majority for tax measures)
60 House Representatives (each Senate district contains two House districts)
it takes 31 votes to pass a bill (2/3 majority for tax measures)

Oregon State Senate

12 Republicans
18 Democrats

Oregon State House

25 Republicans
35 Democrats

Powerful People and Places at the Oregon Capitol

Senate President, Peter Courtney
Senate President Pro Tempore, Senator Ginny Burdick
Senate Democratic Leader, Senator Diane Rosenbaum
Senate Republican Leader, Senator Ted Ferroili
Speaker of the House, Tina Kotek
Speaker Pro Tempore, Tobias Read
Democratic Leader, Val Hoyle
Republican Leader, Mike McLane

Committee Chairs. They have the power to determine which measures will be on the committee's agenda. The chair also directs the committee's staff and presides over its deliberations. In some instances, the committee chair may also appoint subcommittees.

Legislative Committees are powerful places. Bills can live or die in a committee.

Outdoor School Legislation

HB 2648, Sponsored by Representative SPRENGER, Senators ROBLAN, THOMSEN, Representative KOMP Directs Oregon State University Extension Service to perform certain duties relating to outdoor school programs and to assist school districts and education service districts in providing outdoor school programs.

Latest Activity Mar 16, 2015: Referred to Revenue by order of Speaker and then Ways and Means by prior reference.

Find Out What is Happening on Your Bill

The Oregon Legislature's website <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/>

Good general resource on bill and committee information; find your legislator feature.

OLIS (Oregon Legislative Information System) <https://olis.leg.state.or.us>

More detailed bill and committee hearing tracking.

The Oregon Live Bill Tracker: www.gov.oregonlive.bill

Easy use bill tracker for citizens.