

OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Opening Ceremony Guidelines for 2024 Regular Session

Thank you for your interest in participating in the proceedings of the Oregon State House of Representatives. Opening Ceremonies of the House are a time-honored tradition where the House takes a moment to recognize the talents of Oregonians and the various cultural aspects of our shared state. In order to facilitate your participation and to ensure the orderly conduct of business before the House, we ask that you be mindful of and adhere to the following:

- 1) The House Opening Ceremony is not meant for proselytizing or persuasion, it is a time to provide for contemplation, inspiration and/or reflection. Please do not use this opportunity to advocate your political views or policy interests.
- 2) Asking or expecting others to join or participate in prayer and conducting religious ceremonies is inappropriate in this setting.
- 3) The members of the House, their staff, and the citizens of Oregon whom they serve, hold a wide variety of beliefs and viewpoints. You are addressing everyone, and we ask that you be respectful to followers of all faiths and to those who profess no religious faith.
- 4) The Opening Ceremony may be a prayer or reading of poetry limited to two minutes or a musical performance limited to four minutes in duration.
- 5) Due to CAMS construction, space on the House floor is limited and large groups may not always be accommodated. Your flexibility is appreciated.

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