THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW

LET'S FIND OUT HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW IN OREGON
WHO HELPS MAKE LAWS?

• EVERY LAW STARTS WITH AN IDEA.
• THAT IDEA CAN COME FROM ANY CITIZEN INCLUDING YOU.
• HAVE A GOOD IDEA? TALK TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVE OR SENATOR TO HELP DRAFT A BILL.
WORD BOX

BILL
CITIZEN
REPRESENTATIVE
SENATOR
VETO
COMMITTEE
DEBATE
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TESTIFY
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HEARING
LEGISLATOR
HOUSE
SENATE
GOVERNOR
VOTE
LAW
OREGON’S BOTTLE BILL — A GOOD IDEA!

• RICHARD CHAMBERS SOLD LOGGING EQUIPMENT AND LOVED THE OUTDOORS.

• HE HEARD THAT CANADA HAD A BOTTLE AND CAN DEPOSIT AND THOUGHT THAT WOULD WORK IN OREGON.

• HE HAD AN IDEA. IF EVERY BOTTLE AND CAN HAD A DEPOSIT THERE WOULD BE LESS MESS IN THE WOODS AND RIVERS OF OREGON.
OREGON’S BOTTLE BILL

- RICHARD CHAMBERS WANTED A DEPOSIT ON BOTTLES AND CANS TO GET PEOPLE TO TURN THEM IN FOR A REFUND AND NOT JUST LITTER.
- HE ASKED HIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE TO INTRODUCE A BILL.
- OREGON HOUSE BILL 1157 WAS INTRODUCED.
GOES TO COMMITTEE

- Oregon House Bill 1157 was assigned to a committee.
- The committee held a hearing.
- The public was invited to testify.
- After hearing the public’s opinion, the committee voted.
WHO IS ON A COMMITTEE?

- Legislators are on the committee.
- The committee is a small group of legislators.
- A legislator can be assigned to a committee based on their interest.
• People had different opinions about the bill and shared those opinions.

• The bill passed the committee.

• After the committee passed the bill, it was sent to the house floor for debate and a vote.

• The house voted on the bill and it failed.
MR. CHAMBERS WOULD NOT QUIT!

- He gained more support to try again.
- A new bill was written.
- The bill went to a new committee.
- A hearing was held on the new bill.
- It passed in committee.
- On to the house floor for debate and a vote.
OREGON HOUSE BILL 1036

- IF A BILL FAILS YOU CAN TRY AGAIN.
- THE NEW BILL HAD TO GO TO A NEW COMMITTEE AND A NEW HEARING WAS SCHEDULED.
- THE COMMITTEE PASSED THE BILL AND IT WENT TO THE HOUSE FOR DEBATE AND A VOTE.
- IT WORKED THE SECOND TIME. THE HOUSE PASSED THE BILL AND IT MOVED TO THE SENATE CHAMBER TO GO THROUGH THE SAME PROCESS.
SENATE VOTES

• THE SENATE LEGISLATORS DEBATED AND VOTED ON OREGON HOUSE BILL 1036. (THE BOTTLE BILL)
• THE BILL PASSED.
• WHERE TO NEXT? IS IT A LAW?
GOVERNOR SIGNS LAWS

• HOUSE BILL 1036 IS NOT A LAW UNTIL IT IS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.
• WHEN GOVERNOR TOM MCCALL SIGNED THE BILL IT BECAME LAW.
• RETURNABLE CANS AND BOTTLES HAD A DEPOSIT OF 5 CENTS.
• THE DEPOSIT INCREASED TO 10 CENTS IN 2017.
THE GOVERNOR CAN ALSO:

• REJECT THE BILL WHICH IS CALLED A VETO.

• IF THE BILL IS VETOED IT CAN GO BACK TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR ANOTHER VOTE.

• A VETOED BILL CAN BECOME LAW IF 2/3RDS OF THE LEGISLATURE (HOUSE AND SENATE) VOTES FOR IT.

• THE GOVERNOR CAN ALSO CHOOSE NOT TO SIGN OR VETO A BILL WHICH WILL AUTOMATICALLY MAKE THE BILL A LAW.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THERE ARE 60 LEGISLATORS IN THE OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHO IS YOUR REPRESENTATIVE?
OREGON STATE SENATE

THERE ARE 30 SENATORS IN THE OREGON STATE SENATE.

WHO IS YOUR SENATOR?