



LEGISLATIVE SESSION BASICS FOR MEDIA

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about bills, find testimony, and
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LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

The Oregon Legislature's long legislative session begins on the second Monday in January of every odd-numbered year and may last 160 days, and the regular short legislative session begins on the first Monday in February every even-numbered year and may last 35 days.

Legislative Calendar and Deadlines

There are certain deadlines bills must meet to move forward in the legislative process. Visit www.oregonlegislature.gov/calendar for current session deadlines. Here is a brief explanation about the types of deadlines:

First Chamber Work Session Posting Deadline*

In order for a bill to be heard in committee by the first chamber deadline, it has to be posted on an agenda for work session by this date.

First Chamber Work Session Deadline*

This is the last day for policy committees to move measures introduced in their chamber (i.e. Senate bills in the Senate, House bills in the House) out of committee.

Second Chamber Work Session Posting Deadline*

In order for a bill to be heard in committee by second chamber deadline, it has to be posted on an agenda for work session by this date.

Second Chamber Work Session Deadline*

This is the last day for policy committees to move measures introduced in their chamber out of committee.

Constitutional Sine Die

Last day of the legislative session.

**These deadlines do not apply to Rules, Revenue, or Joint Committees.*



FIND BILLS ON OLIS

1) Go to OregonLegislature.gov.

2) In the top right corner of the webpage, click on "OLIS."

3) By default, you will be able to search the bills introduced during the current session.

Tip: If you want to search bills from a different session, click on "Session" in the top right corner and select the year you'd like to review.

4) Click on "Bills" in the top right corner. Search by bill number, keyword, sponsor, or you can click the "Senate Bills" or "House Bills" drop-down menus to view all bills.

Example: If you are interested in bills related to nursing, try typing keywords such as "nurse" or "nursing" in the search bar. Start with broad keywords, then narrow your search. You can also visit the Health Care Committee page to view all health care-related bills.

If you'd like to follow a bill through the legislative process, click [e-Subscribe Email](#) in the top right corner of a bill's OLIS page to receive email updates when a bill is scheduled for a public hearing, committee vote, or a vote of the full House or Senate.

Dead Bills on OLIS

A bill is considered "dead," or no longer in play, if it does not move to the next step in the legislative process after a deadline. OLIS will not explicitly say a bill is dead, so it's important to cross reference the legislative deadlines with the bill's "Measure History."





READ BILLS & TESTIMONY

Navigate to different tabs on the bill's OLIS page:

HB 2001 Enrolled

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with tabs: Overview, Text, Analysis, Amendments, Testimony, Register to Testify, and Submit Testimony. The 'Overview' tab is highlighted with a yellow circle. Below the navigation bar, the 'Overview' section is expanded, showing 'Measure History' and '2-7 (H) First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.'

Overview Tab: lists bill sponsors, the bill's committee, and more. Expand "Measure History" to see bill's current location.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with tabs: Overview, Text, Analysis, Amendments, and Testimony. The 'Text' tab is highlighted with a yellow circle. Below the navigation bar, the 'Text' section is expanded, showing 'Introduced', 'House Amendments to Introduced', and 'A-Engrossed'.

Text Tab: read the text of the bill. "Engrossed" means the bill includes adopted amendment language.

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Testimony Tab: read written testimony by bill sponsors and members of the public under "submitted written public testimony." View presentations displayed in committee, and read "floor letters."

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with tabs: Overview, Text, Analysis, Amendments, Testimony, Register to Testify, and Submit Testimony. The 'Analysis' tab is highlighted with a yellow circle. Below the navigation bar, the 'Analysis' section is expanded, showing 'Staff Measure Summary' and 'Staff Analyses and Reports'.

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the following information:


- HB 2001 (witness registration)
- Witness Registration
- staff
- 2/14/2023
- House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Analysis Tab: read measure summary and view testimony witness list.




WATCH

Watch Live Meetings:

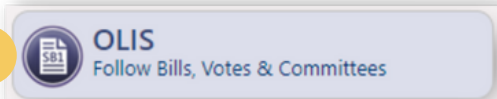
- 1) Go to OregonLegislature.gov.
- 2)  **Today's Events at the Capitol** lists committee meetings and floor sessions happening that day.
- 3) Click the link under location for the meeting you'd like to view. This will take you to a live video feed of the committee meeting or floor session.

Location:
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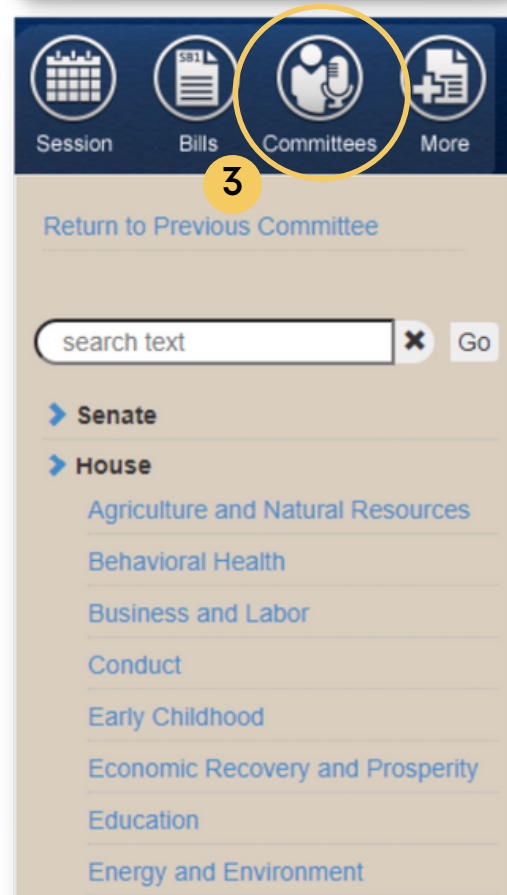
Watch Archived Committee Meetings:

- 1) Go to OregonLegislature.gov.
- 2) In the top right corner of the webpage, click on "OLIS".
- 3) Select "Committees" in the top right corner, which will open a drop down menu. Search for the committee you're looking for, or click the drop down menus and select the committee.
- 4) Once you're on a committee page, view the column on the right listing each meeting. Click on the link to view the meeting materials, and click on  to view the recording.

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Meetings ▼

- [2/18/2021 8:00 AM](#)
- [2/16/2021 8:00 AM](#)
- [2/11/2021 8:00 AM](#) 
- [2/9/2021 8:00 AM](#) 



WATCH

Watch Archived Floor Sessions:

- 1) Go to OregonLegislature.gov.
- 2) In the top right corner of the webpage, click on "OLIS."
- 3) Navigate to the date of the floor session you'd like to watch by clicking  next to "Pick a new date."
- 4) Click on  to view the recorded floor session.

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**OLIS**

Follow Bills, Votes & Committees



2023 Regular Session

Session Details for Monday, January 9, 2023

Pick a new date



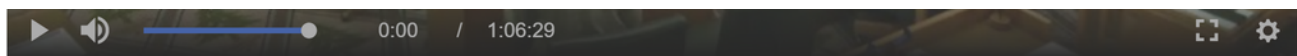
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Senate Convened at 9:30 AM Senate Convened at 1:00 PM 




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House Convened at 9:00 AM House Convened at 1:00 PM 

- 5) Once you navigate to the recording webpage, click on "Agenda" to view the day's proceedings.



House Chamber Convenes 03/02/2023 11:00 AM

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 Agenda[HOUSE CALLED TO ORDER - Speaker in Chair](#) 00:10:19[FLAG SALUTE - Evans](#) 00:10:21

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- 6) Click on an agenda item to jump to view it in the recording.



CAPITOL MAP

900 Court St NE, Salem Oregon 97301

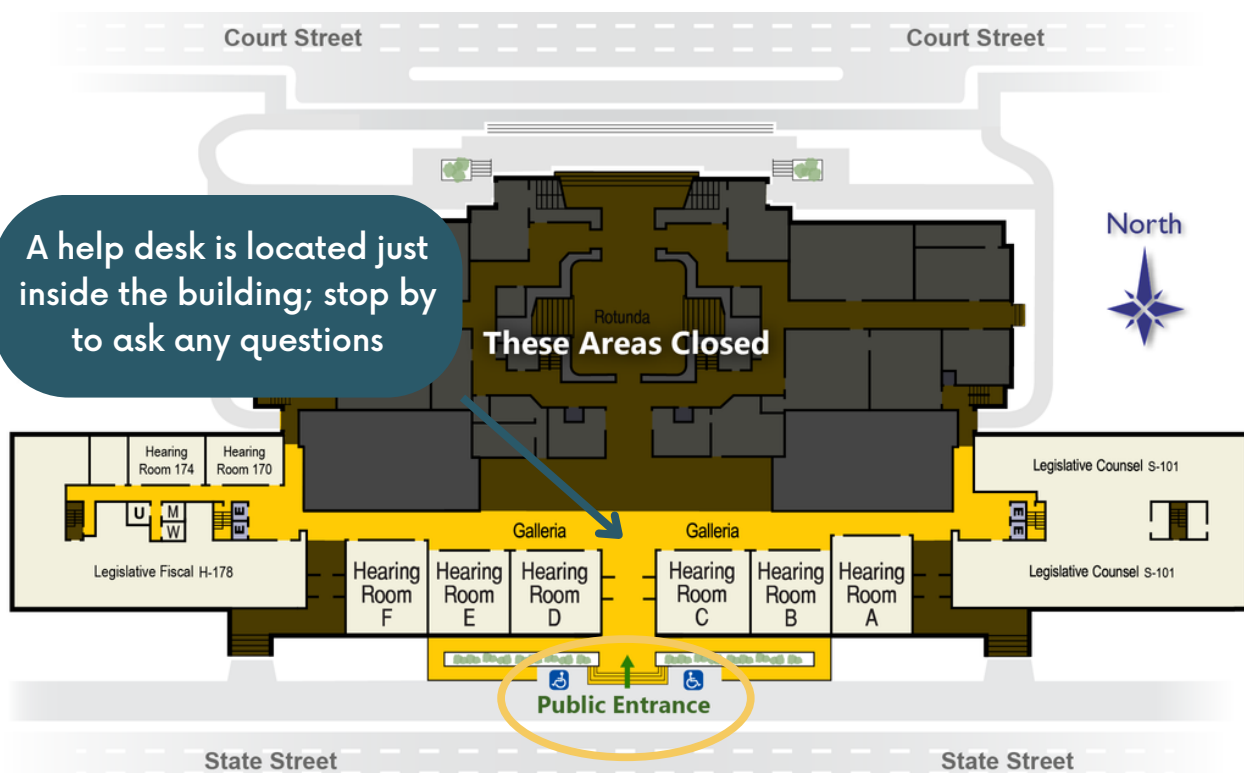
The Oregon State Capitol is undergoing extensive seismic upgrades through the end of 2025. Due to construction, portions of the Capitol are closed, including the Rotunda, the Capitol Café, and more.

This means that there will be limited space to congregate in the building, so please plan accordingly when visiting.

Visit OregonLegislature.gov/CAMS for more information about the construction project.

Public Entrance

The public entrance is on State Street on the south side of the Capitol.



Building Security

Weapons are prohibited inside the Capitol, and everyone must pass through a security checkpoint to enter the building.