

General Government & Elections



This Legislative Summary Report highlights General Government and Elections policy measures that received a public hearing in a policy committee during the **2024** regular legislative session. The report is organized by subtopics and includes the measure number; the measure status: enacted [✓] or not enacted [✗]; and a brief description of the measure.

General Government & Elections Subtopics:

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Artificial Intelligence

SB 1571



The measure requires the disclosure of the use of synthetic media in campaign communications. It establishes an enforcement mechanism and civil penalties for violations and gives the Secretary of State rulemaking authority.

Campaign Finance

HB 4024



The measure sets campaign contributions limits, defines and sets requirements for specified political committees, sets disclosure and reporting requirements for candidate campaign independent expenditures, establishes complaint investigation requirements and deadlines, sets civil penalties for violations of the contribution limits and disclosure requirements, requires unexpended candidate funds to be used only for certain purposes, requires an incumbent to file at least seven days before the filing deadline, repeals Ballot Measure 47 (2006), creates a web-based campaign finance dashboard, outlines requirements for the Secretary of State, and sets operative dates.

Culture and Recreation

- SB 1539 A** ✗ The measure would have established a \$1.5 million grant program for youth sporting events through the Sport Oregon Foundation with a sunset date of January 2, 2027.
- SB 1582** ✗ The measure would have appropriated money to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to distribute to specific cultural organizations and for development of a grant program for Oregon cultural organizations adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Note:** The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Business and Consumer Protection.

Digital and IT Infrastructure

- HB 4040** ✓ The measure requires the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council (Council) to review competitive broadband grant program applications for compliance with program requirements and to make recommendations to the Oregon Broadband Office. It removes the Council's requirement to establish a committee to review grant applications. The measure also makes the Oregon State Fair and Expo Center eligible for grants under a program developed and implemented by the Oregon Business Development Department for operations, maintenance, and repairs. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.
- Note:** The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Business and Consumer Protection.

Elections

- SB 1533** ✓ The measure increases the number of the most commonly spoken languages into which state and county voters' pamphlets must be translated and the number of people required to speak a language for it to qualify. It also increases the number of translators on the Translation Advisory Council.
- SB 1538** ✓ The measure makes several changes to current election laws, including to the information statements and certain translations in the voters' pamphlets; the repeat public certification tests of vote tally systems; the number of voter registration cards that can be requested; the thresholds for certain expenses that require a candidate to file a statement of organization, establish a campaign account, or file required campaign finance statements; the allowable uses of candidate expenditures; and the ability for the Secretary of State to issue a certificate of ascertainment of presidential electors as required by



federal law. It also creates a joint legislative committee to prepare the ballot title and explanatory statement for any amendment to the Oregon Constitution or Act referred to the ballot by the Legislative Assembly during the 2024 regular session.

- SB 1577 A** ✗ The measure would have required the Director of the Legislative Policy and Research Office to study the viability, benefits, and challenges of public institutions of higher education providing the Secretary of State with electronic records containing data from applicants seeking admission to the institutions to aid the Secretary in determining the applicants' eligibility as qualified electors, and in registering those applicants who are eligible as electors.
- HB 4019** ✓ The measure updates Oregon law to align with federal requirements for appointing and convening electors for President and Vice President of the United States.
- HB 4021 A** ✗ The measure would have required the Governor to temporarily fill vacancies for United States Senators by appointment, in addition to the current requirement that a vacancy be filled by special election. It also would have required the special election to occur at least 80 days, and not more than 150 days, after the vacancy occurs if the vacancy occurs within 62 days before a general election.
- HB 4026** ✓ The measure makes local government determination of specified final land use decisions not subject to referral to voters by referendum petition. It clarifies that land use decisions are reviewable exclusively by the Land Conservation and Development Commission.
- Note:** The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Natural Resources.
- HB 4032** ✗ The measure would have removed the requirement that the word “incumbent” appear on the ballot with the name of each candidate who is the elected or appointed judge for the same position on the Oregon Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Oregon Tax Court, and Circuit Court.

Federal and World Affairs

- SB 1516 A** ✗ The measure would have established the Ireland Trade Commission, specified its duties, and required it to meet at least twice yearly.



- SB 1531** ✓ The measure creates the America 250 Oregon Commission (Commission) and specifies membership of the Commission. The measure also establishes that the Commission will coordinate and provide guidance for Oregon's official observance of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States. The measure also creates the America 250 Oregon Subcommittee within the Commission on Indian Services and specifies the purpose and membership of the subcommittee. The measure requires the Oregon Historical Society to provide staff support to the Commission and requires the Commission to report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to historical commemorations by September 15 of each year. It sunsets on January 2, 2028.

General Government

- SB 1517** ✓ The measure permits the urban flood safety and water quality district to annually assess benefited lands within the managed floodplain to pay for the costs of district works that directly benefit the lands. It also permits the district to impose a fee on cities and counties for the fixed costs of operating the district and district works. The measure also modifies procedures related to dissolution of existing drainage districts and corporations.
Note: The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Emergency Preparedness.
- SB 1548 A** ✗ The measure would have abolished the annual one-hour change in time from standard time to daylight saving time and maintained standard time for all 12 months of the calendar year for the portion of Oregon located in the Pacific Time Zone.
- HB 4094 A** ✗ The measure would have extended the permitted use of Article XI-Q bonds from replacing a courthouse to include the renovation or expansion of a courthouse by remodeling or repairing the courthouse.
- HB 4104** ✓ The measure designates the fourth Wednesday in February of each year as Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day.
Note: The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Behavioral Health and Health Care.
- HB 4155 A** ✗ The measure would have required the Oregon Business Development Department to study infrastructure financing in Oregon.
Note: The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Housing, Development, and Homelessness.



Legislative Assembly

- [SB 1524](#) ✗ The measure would have established the Unsung Legislative Heroes Recognition Program, established the process for annually nominating and selecting individuals, and established nominee qualifications.
- [SCR 201](#) ✓ The measure adjourns sine die the 2024 regular session of the Eighty-Second Legislative Assembly.

Public Administration

- [HB 4093](#) ✗ The measure would have required an appointed seat on the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission for a person who has a background in public health. It would have applied to commissioners appointed to the OLCC.
- [HB 4117](#) ✓ The measure authorizes the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGE) and OGE staff to give advice on the application of the entire public meetings law, not just the executive session provisions.

Public Employee Benefits and Compensation

- [HB 4045](#) ✓ The measure provides that district attorneys, forensic scientists, and evidence technicians qualify as police officers under the Public Employee Retirement System; lowers the normal retirement age for police officers under the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan (OPSRP); establishes a new class of hazardous positions under OPSRP; and provides increased retirement benefits for members in this new class.
- Note:** Provisions in [HB 4116](#) and [HB 4157](#) were amended into this bill.
- [HB 4083](#) ✓ The measure directs the Oregon Investment Council and the State Treasurer to work to eliminate certain investments in thermal coal companies and funds without monetary loss to the funds.

Resolutions Honoring People, Places, or Organizations

- [SCR 203](#) ✓ The measure celebrates the life and accomplishments of Alice Bartelt (1947-2023) and recognizes and honors her contributions to the people of Oregon.
- [SCR 204](#) ✓ The measure celebrates the life and accomplishments of Bill Bradbury (1949-2023) and recognizes and honors his contributions to Oregon.



- SCR 205 ✓ The measure celebrates the life and accomplishments of Dick Springer (1948-2023) and recognizes and honors his contributions to the people of Oregon.
- SCR 206 ✓ The measure celebrates the life and accomplishments of Fred W. Heard (1940-2023) and recognizes and honors his contributions to the people of Oregon.
- SCR 207 ✓ The measure celebrates the life of United States Navy Hospital Corpsman William Lyle Sperb (1948-1969) and recognizes and honors his service to his community, state, and country.
- SCR 208 ✓ The measure celebrates the 25th anniversary of the founding of Inland Northwest Musicians and recognizes and honors the organization's contributions to the arts in northeast Oregon and southeast Washington.
- SCR 209 ✓ The measure celebrates the life and accomplishments of Joanne Russell Verger (1930-2023), recognizes and honors her contributions to the people of Oregon, and expresses a deep sense of loss with the entire Capitol community.
- SCR 210 ✓ The measure honors and celebrates the remarkable life and career of Mike Donahue (1946-2023) and expresses gratitude for his service to the people of Oregon.
- SCR 211 ✓ The measure celebrates the life and accomplishments of Steve Druckenmiller (1950-2023) and recognizes and honors his contributions to the people of Oregon.
- SCR 212 ✓ The measure recognizes and honors Clifford W. Trow (1929-2023) for his lifetime of service and dedication to the people of the State of Oregon.
- SCR 213 ✓ The measure celebrates the life of United States Army Specialist Ken "Kenny" Leisten (1984-2004) and recognizes and honors his dedication to serving his community, his state, and his country.
- HCR 201 ✓ The measure recognizes and honors the City of Dallas on the 150th anniversary of its founding and celebrates its significant contributions to the State of Oregon.
- HCR 203 ✓ The measure recognizes the importance of a strong and enduring partnership between the State of Oregon and Taiwan.



HCR 204



The measure recognizes and honors Deputy Allen Burdic for his service to Oregon.

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