

HB 2002 introduction and rulings of the chair were challenged on the Floor today May 2, 2023. The President's service as presiding officer was challenged on the Floor. The President Wagner denied the Oregon State Senate had authority under Or Const Art IV Sec 18 and 26 to make any changes or object to HB 2002. Or Const Art IV Sec 21 requires bills to be plainly written. ORS 171.134 an enduring rule adopted by the legislature requires every summary to be written to no more than a 60 on the Flesch readability scale an equivalent of 8th grade. Senate Rule 13.02 requires summaries upon first reading introduction to comply with ORS 171.134. The President sent an email this very morning stating a protest to the constitution, statute, rule must be done on bill introduction. This was denied today by the President of the Senate on the Floor. This includes denying Senate and Mason's rules cited on the Floor. Oddly, the Senate President carried over a SB 1097 for the above reasons but refused to carry over HB 2002 from introduction and first reading in the Oregon State Senate. Or Const Art IV Sec 25 requires sixteen (16) valid votes for bill passage and certain motions. Or Const Art II Sec 15 requires eligible legislators to vote openly or by voice vote on bills. Or Const Art II Sec 10 prevents legislators from holding more than one office. Or Const Art III Sec 1 prevents legislators from serving in two branches of government. These violations happened today. Further, the federal courts in 2020 and 2022 ruled employees of the Oregon State Senate such as legislative counsel, parliamentarians, and other staff are not decision makers in the legislature. Elected members are liable for their own actions as elected legislators. Oregon circuit and appellate courts ruled statute prevails over rules in 2019 and 2020 as well. Or Const Art IV Sec 26 requires a member protest to be entered into the Senate Journal. Please enter this vote explanation into the Senate Journal.