

GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS



This Legislative Summary Report highlights General Government and Elections policy measures that received a public hearing during the 2022 Regular Legislative Session. The report is organized by sub-topics and includes the measure number; the measure status: enacted [✓] or not enacted [✗]; and a brief description of the measure.

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Campaign Finance




- [SB 1526](#) ✗ Would have established limits on campaign contributions that may be accepted by candidates and political committees and repealed the Ballot Measure 47 provisions from statute. The measure would have established the Small Donor Election Program and Small Donor Election Fund and set maximum public match amounts and percentages for the primary and general elections for state senator and state representative candidates.
- [SB 1561](#) ✗ Would have established limits on campaign contributions that may be accepted by candidates and political committees and repealed the Ballot Measure 47 provisions from statute. The measure also would have established the Grassroots Donor Election Program, the Grassroots Donor Election Fund, and the Oregon Elections Commission to oversee the program.

Elections



- [SB 1527](#) ✓ Corrects the statutory reference from "return identification" envelope to "secrecy" envelope in [ORS 254.458](#) (2021), makes technical changes to elections statutes, and aligns certain deadlines with those established in [House Bill 3291](#) (2021). The measure also requires the Secretary of State to ensure county election officials conduct election recounts for federal and statewide offices and statewide measures in manner that is consistent, transparent,

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accurate, and pursuant to all applicable laws; and reduces the number of electors who must be registered as a member of a minor political party for the party to retain political party status from 0.5 percent to 0.25 percent of the total number of registered electors in the state.

- HB 4044  Would have reduced the number of electors who must be registered as a member of a minor political party for the party to retain political party status from 0.5 percent to 0.25 percent of the total number of registered electors in the state. See [Senate Bill 1527](#) (2022).
- HB 4133  Allows individuals to register to vote online with the last four digits of their Social Security number and to electronically submit an image of their signature for use in elections. Allows approved third-party organizations to securely submit registration cards electronically on behalf of individuals.
- HB 4144  Allows election workers to exempt their residential address from disclosure as a public record and makes the crime of harassment against an election worker a Class A misdemeanor.

Gaming and Lottery

- SB 1503  Would have allowed the Oregon State Lottery to conduct games in which the distribution of prizes is based on the outcomes of sporting events that are organized by, sponsored by, or played in connection with post-secondary institutions of education.
- SB 1504  Allows Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub licensees to establish accounts for wagering on greyhound racing for an individual unless wagering on live greyhound racing is unlawful in the jurisdiction of the individual's principal residence. The measure directs the Oregon Racing Commission (Commission) to report annually to the Legislative Assembly on greyhound race wagers made in Oregon and prohibits the Commission from granting licenses for greyhound race meets in Oregon.

General Government

- SB 1551  Would have removed the requirement that licensee members of the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots be residents of Oregon.
- HB 4087  Requires public bodies to allow news media representatives access to scenes of wildfires or natural disasters on public lands that are otherwise closed to the public, sets conditions for allowing or limiting access, and requires the Office of

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Emergency Management to convene stakeholders to develop training and other guidelines by September 1, 2022.

- HB 4114 ✓ Adds school board members to the list of public officials who must file an annual Statement of Economic Interest with the [Oregon Government Ethics Commission](#).
- HB 4126 ✗ Would have required private, community-based organizations that either bid or enter into a contract with a state agency to provide publicly funded behavioral health or addiction treatment services to attest that they already have or will upon request enter into a contract with a union to represent their workers.
- HB 4140 ✗ Would have expanded the duties of the [Oregon Government Ethics Commission](#) (OGEC) to include conducting investigations, making findings, and imposing penalties for violations of Oregon's public meetings law. The measure would have allowed any person to file a complaint with the OGEC while still allowing a person affected by a decision made in violation of the law to sue in circuit court.



Legislative Assembly

- SB 1566 A ✗ Would have changed the annual legislator pay to the annual average wage for all covered employment in Oregon for the prior year, beginning on January 1, 2023. Would have allowed for a reimbursement of up to \$1,000 per month for childcare expenses and for an annual cost of living adjustment to the interim expense allowance.
- HB 4107 A ✗ Would have established a process for the Legislative Policy and Research Office to develop a template for, and to create, racial and ethnic impact statements on certain legislative measures from the 2021 legislative session and for measures considered in future legislative sessions.

Memorials, Resolutions, and Referrals

- SCR 204 ✓ Establishes deadlines for the pre-session filing of legislation for the 2023 Regular Session of the 82nd Legislative Assembly.
- SR 201 ✓ Memorializes Kathryn Weit (1947-2021) for her service to persons with disabilities and to all Oregonians.
- HCR 202 ✓ Recognizes and honors retired Oregon State Police Sergeant John Burrignt (1959-2021) for his service to this state.

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- HCR 204  Recognizes and honors Medal of Honor recipient Sergeant John Noble Holcomb (1946-1968) for his service to his country.
- HJR 205  Would have referred to voters a proposed Constitutional amendment in November 2022 to allow the Legislative Assembly to establish a bank owned or operated by the State of Oregon.