



Oregon Coalition
Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

2025 Legislative Advocacy Guide



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About OCADSV

The Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, founded in 1978 is the dual domestic and sexual violence coalition, made of member programs with advocates who do the work to serve survivors every day. Our work, along side our community and national partners, is to advocate for nonpartisan change on both state and federal levels. We seek to transform society by engaging diverse voices, supporting the self-determination of survivors and providing leadership for advocacy efforts.

We provide training, technical assistance, education, and systems advocacy in support of survivor services and violence prevention to end violence for all communities.



*Keri Moran-Kuhn, Executive Director
Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence*

Now, more than ever, is the time to get engaged with legislative advocacy. In a time of uncertainty, it is critical to rally our communities, rooted on common ground, to advocate for the Oregon that all survivors deserve.

Join us, and the Oregon Alliance to End Gender-Based Violence, this upcoming advocacy day (April 2nd from 9am-5pm) to urge legislators to support **HB 3196**, to protect services for survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence by filling the \$18.5 Million shortfall caused by federal cuts, and **POP 327**, to prevent additional cuts to basic critical services.

Read on for more information about these bills, the plan for Advocacy Day, how you can continue advocating for survivors with your legislators throughout the rest of the 2025 Legislative Session.

Advocacy Day Agenda



We will be kicking off Advocacy Day on April 2nd at 9am at the **Oregon State Library** with the Oregon Alliance to End Gender Based Violence.

We will have a kick off event at 9am with information and training. The Library will be available and staffed from 9am-5pm.

We will be setting appointment times with each of the 90 legislators' offices during this day and will have more detailed information about where to find your appointment as they are scheduled.

Come check in with others between your scheduled meetings to discuss lobbying, have lunch, and grab a snack or coffee.

Please note, there will be light refreshments but no lunch provided.

See the section below for information about how to locate the library and your legislator's office. There are many lunch options for a variety of dietary needs around the capitol.

Questions? Connect with Hilary Levine at Hilary@ocadsv.org.

[Click here to register for the General Alliance Meeting 3/28 at 12:30pm](#)

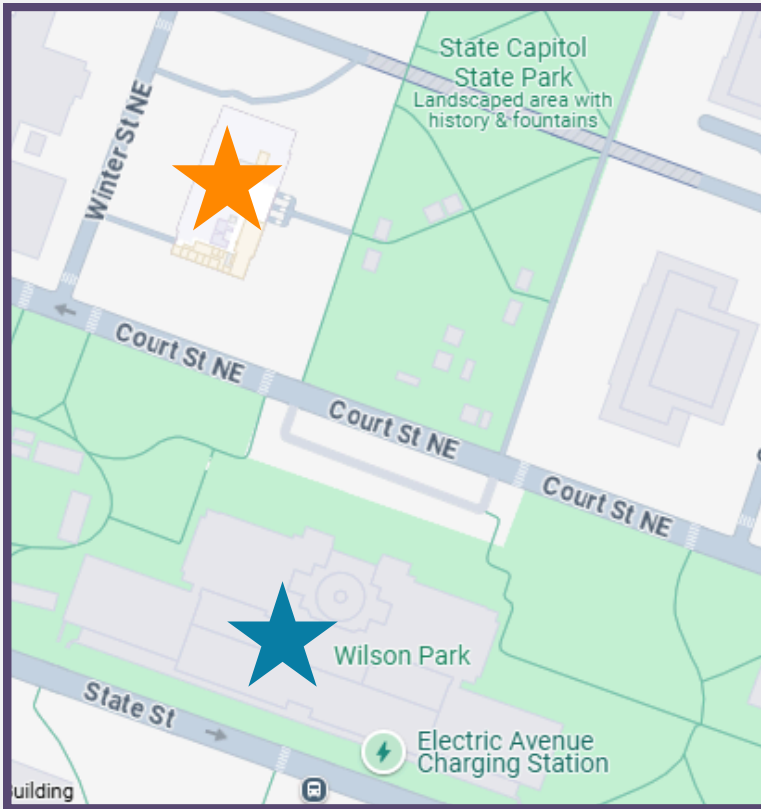
[Click here to RSVP for Advocacy Day](#)

The Oregon State Library

We will be meeting at the Oregon State Library, located at:

250 Winter St NE
Conference Rooms 102 & 103

[Click here for more information about visiting the State Library.](#)



The State Capitol

The State Capitol is Across the mall at:
900 Court Street NE

Significant parts of the state capitol are currently under construction. Please note that the public entrance to the building has been shifted to State Street on the south side of the building. If you have come to the capitol before you would usually enter on Court street. The State Street entrance has powered doors and a ramp ADA parking is available on State Street

[Click here for more information about visiting the State Capitol](#)



Parking

City of Salem metered street parking is available on the west side of the State Library (Winter St.), as well as on other streets surrounding the Capitol building and the Capitol Mall Park. Pay stations take credit cards (Visa and Mastercard) and coins, but not bills. Parking permits must be displayed on your vehicle's dashboard.

State metered parking is available in the underground parking structure below the Capitol Mall. There are 2-hour and 10-hour meters that require quarters. Entrances are from the west or east on Chemeketa St. between Winter St. and Capitol St.

All Day Lot There is a gravel parking lot with all day parking for \$6.00 at the corner of Winter St. and Center St. Travel north on Winter St. past the State Library, cross Center St., and enter the Yellow lot. A ticket machine accepts debit/credit cards only. Parking permits must be displayed on your vehicle's dashboard.

ADA Accessible Parking:

The Oregon State Capitol has a wheelchair accessible parking lot and entrance, and ADA parking spaces on State Street. Visitors with a valid DMV ADA parking placard can use these spaces for all-day parking



Before Advocacy Day



- Assemble your team for advocacy day!
 - Folks to bring: Staff from your program, key community partners &, survivors. *Remember advocacy day is a great way for direct service advocates to tap in and feel like a part of a movement - which helps with community care and longevity in the field!*
- We will be booking appointments with all 90 representatives and will organize teams to fill those appointments to make the most of the time we have with them. We will let you know who plans on lobbying from your region and connect you via email to coordinate.
- Prep your talking points and collect relevant data and stories to support your asks. There are tips later in the guide to help you with this.
- [Watch the Oregon Alliance to end Gender Based Violence's 2/14 Legislative Advocacy Training](#)

On Advocacy Day



- Come to kick off event to connect and then head out for your appointments.
- Feel free to use the library space we have reserved to connect with others, get advice on preparing for your appointments, or do other work in community.
- Head out to your appointments and plan to arrive to your meeting a few minutes early
- Return to rooms 102 and 103 at the library to let us know how it went and to cheer others on!
- Send a follow up thank you letter (template below).

SUPPORT POP 327: Prevent Cuts to Basic Critical Services:

Current Service Level for
Victims of Domestic Violence,
Sexual Assault, and Child Abuse

\$22 Million to continue Current Service Level in the Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division of the Department of Justice Budget HB 5014



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Elevating & Empowering Children's Advocacy Centers

Fully funding DoJ POP #327 in the Department of Justice ongoing budget would stabilize access to services and programs for victims of child abuse and domestic or sexual violence.

- Service providers received \$22M in funding in 2021 and in 2023 to increase their capacity and access to services. This funding does not fully fund these entities.
- In 2024, the Legislature recognized the importance of continuing this funding and unanimously passed HB 4140, which states that the increased investment should be considered current service level moving forward.
- POP #327 funds these services at CSL for the 2025 biennium.

Stabilize Investments

POP #327 contains \$22M, the amount needed to keep promised continued service levels for Children's Advocacy Centers, the Survivor Housing Fund, and Domestic & Sexual Violence Services Fund, assuming that other sources of funding are not decreased.

We are grateful that the 2021 and 2023 Legislatures recognized that the state has been chronically underfunding services to crime victims. The additional investments made in those years boosted capacity at victim service centers, as most providers used the funding to hire new positions. In 2024, the Legislature recognized the importance of this increased capacity and unanimously passed HB 4140, which stated that these funds are to be considered current service level moving forward. POP #327 cements the continuation of these funds.



Children's Advocacy Centers:
\$6M to Children's Advocacy
Center Fund



\$10M for Oregon
Domestic & Sexual
Violence Services
(ODSVS) Fund



\$6M for Survivor
Housing Fund

Children's Advocacy Centers are the state's mandated and unique resource for the assessment, treatment, and prevention of child abuse and neglect and the associated trauma, in order to promote health and hope in children, youth, families, and communities. These funds support positions like:

- CAC of Lincoln County, which used the funding to add a specially trained pediatrician to conduct medical exams one day per week (previously had no on-site medical exams).
- Douglas CARES (Douglas County), which increased FTE for medical and therapy providers.
- Liberty House (Marion, Polk), which hired a full-time bilingual Family Support Specialist and a full-time staff interpreter.

These funds provide support for the network of confidential, trauma-informed, community-based and culturally-specific programs providing shelter, safety planning, hotline, and advocacy services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence (DSV) and their children across the state. There has been an increase in demand for shelter services as a result of the housing crisis. Without this investment into ongoing funding, programs will be forced to lay off staff and will have reduced capacity to provide critical life-saving safety and advocacy services.

This specific funding has proven to help DSV survivors find and maintain safe housing. In the midst of this housing shortage and affordability crisis, more survivors seeking safety from abuse face greater barriers to finding safe and stable homes. Continuation of the SHF fund will ensure that survivors have navigation and assistance services in finding and maintaining safe housing for themselves and their children. Without this investment, more survivors will become homeless, or face the untenable choice between homelessness and an unsafe abusive home.

YES ON HB 3196:

Protect Services for Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence:

Backfill the \$18.5M shortfall caused by federal cuts!

The Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) is the primary source of federal grants for victim services, including services for survivors of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, stalking, trafficking, attempted homicide, and other crimes. Oregon was recently alerted that federal VOCA funds are being cut by 42%.



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Oregon Child
Abuse Solutions
Elevating & Empowering Children's Advocacy Centers



Victim Services in Oregon need \$18.5M in VOCA backfill funding, and all other sources of state funding must remain consistent—or else programs will be cut.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Programs at risk include*:

- Children's Advocacy Centers
- District Attorney Victim Assistance Programs (DAVAPs)
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (DVSA) Programs
- Campus Sexual Assault Programs

*The complete list of programs that stand to experience cuts can be found on the next page.

Protect Services for Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence:
Backfill \$18.5M shortfall caused by federal cuts, and maintain other sources of state funding.

WHY MUST OREGON ACT NOW?

Preserve the critical safety net of services for victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence.

Oregon was notified of the 42% in federal funding cuts following the close of the 2024 short Session. The Emergency Board was able to take limited action in September 2024, but more cuts are coming in the summer of 2025 and the Legislature must take action to provide an \$18.5M backfill to protect services.

Congress may take action, but that relief likely would not come until after programs are cut in Oregon in the summer of 2025.

PROGRAMS AT RISK INCLUDE:

This list includes all current VOCA grantees (including competitive, noncompetitive, and/or culturally specific grants). We urge you to support HB 3196 and allocate \$18.5M to ODOJ to offset the federal cuts to VOCA-supported programs.

- A Village for One
- ABC House, Inc.
- African Youth and Community Organization
- Amani Center of Columbia County
- Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force
- Baker County DAVAP
- Bay Area Hospital - Bay Area Health District
- Benton County DAVAP
- Bradley-Angle House
- Bridges Oregon
- Burns Paiute Tribe (Governmental Dept of)
- Call to Safety
- Canyon Crisis and Resource Center
- CARES Northwest - Legacy Emanuel Hospital & Health Center
- Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence
- Center for Hope and Safety
- Children's Advocacy Center of Jackson County
- Children's Advocacy Center of Lincoln County
- Children's Center of Clackamas County
- City of Albany
- City of Eugene
- Clackamas County DAVAP
- Clackamas Womens Services
- Clatsop County DAVAP
- Columbia County DAVAP
- Community Works, Inc.
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon
- Coos County DAVAP
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- Crook County DAVAP
- Curry County DAVAP
- Deschutes County DAVAP
- Disability Rights Oregon
- Domestic Violence Resource Center, Inc.
- Domestic Violence Services, Inc.
- Douglas CARES
- Douglas County DAVAP
- Dougy Center
- Eastern Oregon University
- Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon/Russian Oregon Social Services
- El Programa Hispano Catolico - EPHC
- Gilliam County DAVAP
- Grant County DAVAP
- Guardian Care Center
- Handicap Awareness & Support League
- Harbor, The
- Harney County DAVAP
- HAVEN from Domestic Violence
- Heart of Grant County
- Helping Hands Against Violence
- Helping Hearts Wallowa County CAC
- Henderson House Family Crisis Shelter
- Hood River DAVAP
- Hope and Safety Alliance
- Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance
- Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization
- Impact NW
- InterCommunity Health Plans
- J Bar J Youth Sevices
- Jackson County DAVAP
- Jackson County SART
- Janus Youth Programs
- Jefferson County DAVAP
- Josephine County DAVAP
- Josephine County Juvenile Justice dba Children's Advocacy Center
- Juliette's House
- KIDS Center
- Kids FIRST
- Klamath Advocacy Center
- Klamath County DAVAP
- Klamath Tribes, The
- Lake County Crisis Center
- Lake County DAVAP
- Lane County DAVAP
- Liberty House
- Lincoln County DAVAP
- Linn County DAVAP
- Lutheran Community Services Northwest
- Malheur County DAVAP
- Marion County DAVAP
- MayDay
- Mercy Foundation
- Morrow County DAVAP
- Mt. Emily Safe Center
- Multnomah County DAVAP
- Muslimahs United
- National Crime Victim Law Institute
- Native American Youth and Family Center
- New Beginnings Intervention Center
- Next Door, The
- Northwest Family Services
- Northwest Human Services
- Old Mill Center for Children and Families
- Oregon Abuse Advocates and Survivors in Service
- Oregon Crime Victims Law Center
- Oregon Department of Justice Appellate Advocacy
- Oregon Health & Science University
- Parents of Murdered Children
- Peace at Home
- placeholder: Curry County DVSA Services TBD*
- placeholder: Harney County DVSA Services - TBD*
- placeholder: Lincoln Co DVSA services - TBD*
- Polk County DAVAP
- Portland State University
- Project Dove
- Raphael House of Portland
- Relief Nursery, Inc.
- Sable House
- Safe Harbors
- SAFE of Columbia County
- SAFE Project, The
- SafeSpace Children's Advocacy Center of the Gorge
- Safety Compass - Clackamas
- Safety Compass - Marion
- Safety Compass - Washington
- Salvation Army, The
- Saving Grace Imagine Life without Violence
- Self Enhancement - SEI
- Sexual Assault Resource Center
- Sexual Assault Support Services
- Shelter From the Storm
- Sherman County DAVAP
- Siuslaw Outreach Services
- Sky Lakes Medical Center dba Klamath - Lake CARES
- STAR Center
- Tides of Change
- Tillamook County DAVAP
- Umatilla County DAVAP
- Union County DAVAP
- University of Oregon
- Victim Rights Law Center
- Volunteers of America
- Wallowa County DAVAP
- Wally's House —
Curry Child Abuse Intervention Center
- Wasco County DAVAP
- Washington County DAVAP
- Washington County Sheriffs Office
- Western Oregon University
- Wheeler County DAVAP
- Women's Crisis Support Team
- Yamhill County DAVAP
- YWCA of Greater Portland
- VOCA Funding Initiatives Competitive Grantees (campus sexual assault programs)
 - Eastern Oregon University
 - Oregon Health & Sciences University
 - Portland Community College
 - Portland State University
 - Sexual Assault Task Force
 - Southwestern Oregon Community College
 - Umpqua Community College
 - Western Oregon University
 - Willamette University

CONTACT:

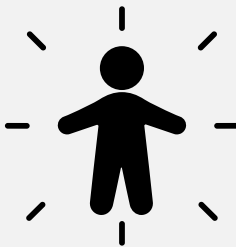
Telling Your Story with Legislators

When you speak with or meet with your legislatures it can be effective to prepare your “story.” In most cases your story should highlight the issue and your personal experiences with the impact of an issue on your life to directly communicate with lawmakers, aiming to persuade them to support legislation that addresses the problem you face; essentially, sharing a relatable narrative to build empathy and encourage policy change.

Some tips about about telling your story in legislative advocacy:

- **Personalize it:**

- Focus on how the issue directly affects you, your family, or your community, using specific anecdotes and details to make your story impactful. In these instances you can speak from your lived and community experience as well as from the perspective of an advocate or employee



- It is okay to draw from your intersecting experiences and identities- no need to limit it specifically to experience with your program.

- **Keep it concise:**

- Legislators have limited time, so present your story in a clear, succinct manner, highlighting the most important aspects. Practice to make it feel comfortable to tell. We will provide fact sheets for you to leave with talking points so that they have tangible notes from your meeting.

- **Emotional Connection:**

- Share your feelings and experiences in a way that illustrates the importance of the issue and offers a shared emotional connection for the listener. You do not have to overly disclose personal details about your experience or survivors experiences - just enough to illustrate why this is an important issue amongst many other issues the legislators must juggle. Find a balance between emotional connection and the big-picture details, such as data and amount of people affected and served

Explain impacts and support with data or stories to highlight. Consider preparing and including the following to add context and gravity to your story:



- **Data**

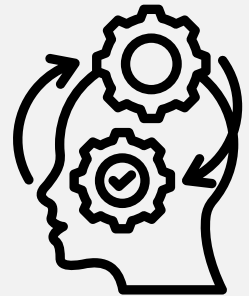
- What FTE will have to be cut if you lose funding? Which positions are likely to be cut? What work and impact does that position have with survivors in a month? In a year?
- How many survivors do you or your organization serve in a year?
- What is the breakdown in services? What services would be substantially lowered or unavailable to survivors or community partners if you face funding cuts?



- **Stories**

- If you choose, you can share your own or a survivor story (while always following best practice for confidentiality) that highlights the effectiveness and importance of your organization's services.
- Important community partnerships that support other social services agencies
- How does community-based D/SV services differ from other services in your community?
- If you share a survivor story that is not your own, do not give any data or information that would lead to identification of the survivor; to be safe, you may also use a survivor story made up of a conglomeration of different survivor stories.
- If it is possible, directly tie the services and access to the ask- this year it will most likely be related to general funding for advocacy services or housing.

- **Clear ask:**
 - State your specific request clearly at the end of your story, outlining the action you want the legislator to take.
- **Be authentic:**
 - Share your genuine experiences and emotions to build credibility. Be truthful and honest in the effects of the legislation at hand.
- **Practice your delivery:**
 - Rehearse your story beforehand to ensure it is well-constructed and impactful.
 - Consider practicing it with a colleague, a pet, or to yourself in the mirror. At advocacy days, there will be folks happy to support you with practice and suggestions.
- **Tailor your message:**
 - Adapt your story to fit the specific legislator and their interests. If you know that they are a champion for children - Tell a story related to a family who accessed services, etc. If you don't know your senator well, you can often google or check in with OCADSV to see if your lobbyist has tips and tricks for your legislator.



Thank You Letter Template

Following up after you connect helps build rapport with your legislators

[DATE]

Dear **[Senator/Representative/Staff] _____**:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me today.

Thank you for the opportunity to ...

- share my personal experience related to domestic violence OR;
- talk about the work we do for survivors in our community at **[name of your agency]** OR;
- share my thoughts about domestic violence legislation

I appreciated the chance to meet with you and to hear more about your plans for the legislative session.

[Mention any specific bill or topic you discussed, as well as any follow up]

Thank you for your commitment to supporting stable, sustainable funding for victim services OR

I encourage you to support funding for victim services OR

I appreciate your willingness to engage in this critical conversation and consider the impact that stable, sustainable funding has on survivors across our state

Please let me know how I can be a resource to you in the future.

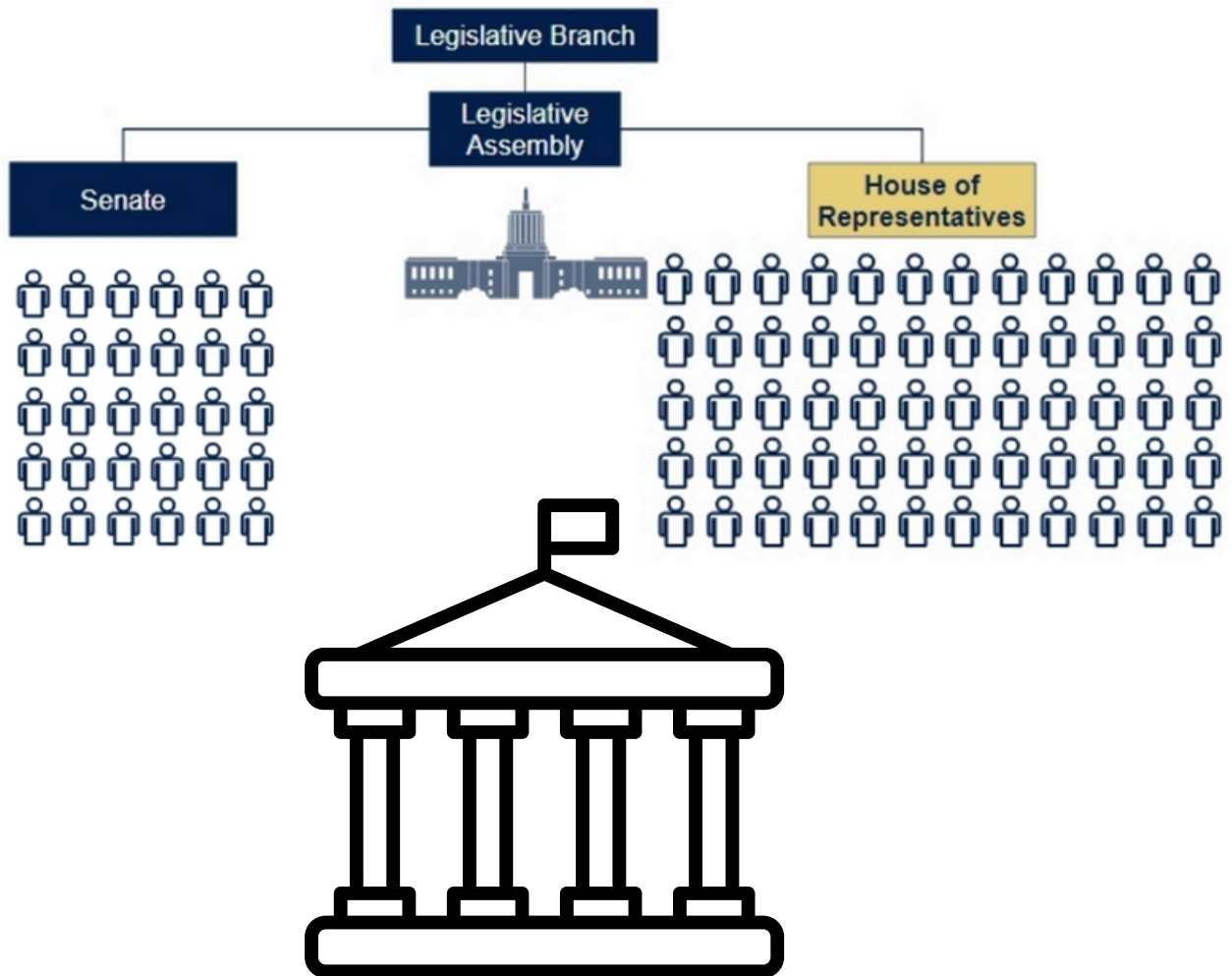
Sincerely,

[Your name]

[Your job title if applicable]

How do I find my Legislators?

House of Representatives



The Oregon Legislative Branch is made up of 30 Senators and 48 Representatives.

[Look up Oregon Legislators by Address](#)

[Directory of all Oregon State Senators](#)

[Directory of all Oregon Representatives](#)

See below for a list of the Legislative Assembly members by district and senators alphabetic by last name

State Representatives by District 1-10

District	County	Contact
1	Curry and Portions of Coos + Douglas	Court Boice 900 Court St. NE, H-476 Salem 97301 503-986-1401
2	Portion of Douglas	Virgle Osborne 900 Court St. NE, H-375, Salem 97301 503-986-1402
3	Portion of Josephine	Dwayne Yunker 900 Court St. NE, H-377, Salem 97301 503-986-1403
4	Portions of Douglas, Jackson and Josephine	Alek Skarlatos 900 Court St NE, H-380, Salem 97301 503-986-1404
5	Portion of Jackson	Pam Marsh 900 Court St. NE, H-474, Salem 97301 503-986-1405
6	Portion of Jackson	Kim Wallan 900 Court St. NE, H-388, Salem 97301 503-986-1406
7	Portion of Lane	John Lively 900 Court St. NE, H-481, Salem 97301 503-986-1407
8	Portion of Lane	Lisa Fragala 900 Court St NE, H-277, Salem 97301 503-986-1408
9	Portions of Coos, Douglas, and Lane	Gerald D. "Boomer" Wright 900 Court St. NE, H-372, Salem 97301 503-986-1409
10	Lincoln, portions of Benton and Lane	David Gomberg 900 Court St. NE, H-480, Salem 97301 503-986-1410

State Representatives by District 11-20

District	County	Contact
11	Portions of Linn and Marion	Jami Cate 900 Court St. NE, H-381, Salem 97301 503-986-1411
12	Portion of Lane	Darin Harbick 900 Court St NE, H-483, Salem 97301 503-986-1412
13	Portion of Lane	Nancy Nathanson 900 Court St NE H-279, Salem 97301 503-986-1413
14	Portion of Lane	Julie Fahey 900 Court St. NE, H-271, Salem 97301 503-986-1414
15	Portion of Benton, Linn and Marion	Shelly Boshart Davis 900 Court St. NE, H-389, Salem 97301 503-986-1415
16	Portion of Benton	Sarah Finger McDonald 900 Court St NE, H-484, Salem 97301 503-986-1416
17	Portions of Linn and Marion	Ed Diehl 900 Court St. NE, H-378, Salem 97301 503-986-1417
18	Portion of Clackamas and Marion	Rick Lewis 900 Court St NE, H-382, Salem, OR 97301 503-986-1418
19	Portion of Marion	Tom Andersen 900 Court St NE, H-479, Salem, OR 97301 503-986-1419
20	Portions of Marion and Polk	Paul Evans 900 Court St NE, H-471, Salem, OR 97301 503-986-1420

State Representatives by District 21-30

District	County	Contact
21	Portion of Marion	Kevin Mannix 900 Court St. NE, H-384, Salem 97301 503-986-1421
22	Portion of Marion	Lesly M. Munoz 900 Court St. NE, H-472 Salem 97301 503-986-1422
23	Portions of Polk and Yamhill	Anna Scharf 900 Court St. NE, H-387, Salem 97301 503-986-1423
24	Portions of Polk and Yamhill	Lucetta Elmer 900 Court St. NE, H-390, Salem 97301 503-986-1424
25	Portion of Washington	Ben Bowman 900 Court St. NE, H-295, Salem 97301 503-986-1425
26	Portions of Clackamas, Washington and Yamhill	Courtney Neron 900 Court St. NE, H-281, Salem 97301 503-986-1426
27	Portion of Washington	Ken Helm 900 Court St. NE, H-490, Salem 97301 503-986-1427
28	Portions of Multnomah and Washington	Dacia Grayber 900 Court St. NE, H-492, Salem 97301 503-986-1428
29	Portion of Washington	Susan McLain 900 Court St. NE, H-493, Salem 97301 503-986-1429
30	Portion of Washington	Nathan Sosa 900 Court St. NE, H-280, Salem, 97301 503-986-1430

State Representatives by District 31-40

District	County	Contact
31	Portions of Columbia, Multnomah and Washington	Darcey Edwards 900 Court St. NE, H-374 Salem 97301 503-986-1431
32	Clatsop, Tillamook and portions of Columbia	Cyrus Javadi 900 Court St. NE, H-373, Salem, 97301 503-986-1432
33	Portions of Multnomah and Washington	Shannon Jones Isadore 900 Court St. NE H-283 Salem 97301 503-986-1433
34	Portion of Multnomah and Washington	Mari Watanabe 900 Court St NE, H-483, Salem, OR 97301 503-986-1434
35	Portion of Washington	Farrah Chaichi 900 Court St. NE, H-478, Salem 97301 503-986-1435
36	Portion of Washington	Hai Pham 900 Court St. NE, H-282, Salem 97301 503-986-1436
37	Portions of Clackamas and Washington	Jules Walters 900 Court St. NE, H-489, Salem 97301 503-986-1437
38	Portions of Clackamas and Multnomah	Daniel Nguyen 900 Court St. NE, H-283, Salem 97301 503-986-1438
39	Portion of Clackamas	April Dobson 900 Court St NE, H-276, Salem 97301 503-986-1439
40	Portion of Clackamas	Annessa Hartman 900 Court St. NE, H-487, Salem 97301 503-986-1440

State Representatives by District 41-50

District	County	Contact
41	Portions of Clackamas and Multnomah	Mark Gamba 900 Court St. NE, H-274, Salem 97301 503-986-1441
42	Portion of Multnomah	Rob Nosse 900 Court St. NE, H-277, Salem 97301 503-986-1442
43	Portion of Multnomah	Tawna Sanchez 900 Court St. NE, H-273, Salem 97301 503-986-1443
44	Portion of Multnomah	Travis E. Nelson 900 Court St. NE, H-275, Salem 97301 503-986-1444
45	Portion of Multnomah	Thuy Tran 900 Court St. NE, H-285, Salem 97301 503-986-1445
46	Portion of Multnomah	Willy Chotzen 900 Court St NE, H-274, Salem 97301 503-986-1446
47	Portion of Multnomah	Andrea Valderrama 900 Court St. NE, H-286, Salem 97301 503-986-1447
48	Portions of Clackamas and Multnomah	Hoa Nguyen 900 Court St. NE, H-473, Salem 97301 503-986-1448
49	Portion of Multnomah	Zachary Hudson 900 Court St. NE, H-284, Salem 97301 503-378-1449
50	Portion of Multnomah	Ricki Ruiz 900 Court St. NE, H-272, Salem 97301 503-986-1450

State Representatives by District 51-60

District	County	Contact
51	Portion of Clackamas	Christine Drazan 900 Court St NE, H-377, Salem 97301 503-986-1451
52	Hood River, portions of Clackamas, Multnomah and Wasco	Jeffrey Helfrich 900 Court St. NE, H-371, Salem 97301 503-986-1452
53	Portion of Deschutes	Emerson Levy 900 Court St. NE, H-486, Salem 97301 503-986-1453
54	Portion of Deschutes	Jason Kropf 900 Court St. NE, H-491, Salem 97301 503-986-1454
55	Portions of Deschutes and Klamath	E. Werner Reschke 900 Court St. NE, H-383, Salem 97301 503-986-1455
56	Portions of Jackson and Klamath	Emily McIntire 900 Court St. NE, H-379, Salem 97301 503-986-1456
57	Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman, Wheeler, portions of Clackamas, Jefferson, Marion and Wasco	Greg Smith 900 Court St. NE, H-482, Salem 97301 503-986-1457
58	Union, Wallowa and portion of Umatilla	Bobby Levy 900 Court St. NE, H-385, Salem 97301 503-986-1458
59	Crook, portions of Deschutes and Jefferson	Vikki Breese-Iverson 900 Court St. NE, H-386, Salem 97310 503-986-1459
60	Baker, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur and a portion of Deschutes	Mark Owens 900 Court St. NE, H-475, Salem 97301 503-986-1460

State Senators by District 1-10

District	Counties	Contact
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2	Josephine and portions of Douglas and Jackson	Noah Robinson 900 Court St. NE, S-309, Salem 97301 503-986-1702
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4	Portion of Lane	Floyd Prozanski 900 Court St., NE, S-413, Salem 97301 503-986-1704
5	Lincoln and portions of Benton, Coos, Douglas and Lane	Dick Anderson 900 Court St. NE, S-311, Salem 97301 503-986-1705
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9	Portions of Clackamas, Linn and Marion	Fred Girod 900 Court St. NE, S-401, Salem 97301 503-986-1709
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23	Portion of Multnomah	Khan Pham 900 Court St. NE, S-407, Salem 97301 503-986-1723
24	Portions of Clackamas and Multnomah	Kayse M. Jama 900 Court St. NE, S-223, Salem 97301 503-986-1724
25	Portion of Multnomah	Chris Gorsek 900 Court St. NE, S-403, Salem 97301 503-986-1725
26	Hood River and portions of Clackamas, Multnomah and Wasco	Daniel Bonham 900 Court St. NE, S-323, Salem 97301 503-986-1726
27	Portion of Deschutes	Anthony Broadman 900 Court St. NE, S-423, Salem 97301 503-986-1727
28	Klamath and portions of Deschutes and Jackson	Diane Linthicum 900 Court St. NE, S-305, Salem 97301 503-986-1728
29	Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union Wallowa ,Wheeler;portions of Jefferson and Wasco	Todd Nash 900 Court St. NE, S-421, Salem 97301 503-986-1729
30	Baker, Crook, Grant, Harney, Lake and Malheur;portions of Deschutes and Jefferson	Mike McLane 900 Court St. NE, S-301, Salem 97301 503-986-1730

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Legislative Advocacy

beyond Advocacy day: Calling your Legislator's Office

You can always call or email your legislators' offices to voice your opinions on a bill or issue. To do so you can look up your legislators contact information below.

Before you call or email prepare to include this information:

- An introduction of your name, your district, and your connection to domestic/sexual violence ie advocate, survivor, advocate/survivor.
- The bill number (if you are reaching out about a specific bill) or the issue you are concerned about
- Your personal story and/or connection to the bill or issue
- How you would like them to vote on the bill or to act to solve this issue
- Your contact information if you would like to request a response
- End your message or meeting by expressing your gratitude for the work they've done or for listening to you



How to Register to Testify

[See in Spanish](#)

You can register to speak to a committee on a bill, topic, or executive appointment scheduled for a public hearing. Testimony may be given in person at the State Capitol or remotely on Microsoft (MS) Teams or by phone. Advance registration is required. The online registration system opens when the public hearing is scheduled and closes 30 minutes before the meeting begins.

On [OLIS Here](#)



To Register:

1. Fill out the online registration form - [Detailed instructions here:](#)
2. Call 1-833-588-4500.

Important Information:

Your email address and phone number are required for administrative purposes only and will not appear on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

If testifying by phone, your phone number will be visible on the committee meeting livestream.

[Click here for more information about testifying.](#)

[Click here for information on Language Access Services.](#) Request interpretation services at least three days before a committee meeting.

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Preparing Testimony-

Spoken Testimony

Structure your verbal testimony

1. Introduction (30 seconds):
 - a. State your name, role, and relevant credentials or affiliations.
 - b. Mention where you are from to show local connection
 - c. Clearly state position on the bill (support/oppose/amend) and why.
2. Main Points (90 seconds):
 - a. Highlight 2-3 key arguments for your position
 - b. Use evidence, data, or personal experience and anecdotes to strengthen your case.
 - c. Relate your points to the bill's purpose and its impact on your community and yourself.
3. Conclusion (30 seconds):
 - a. Summarize your position and main points.
 - b. Offer to answer questions or provide further information.
 - c. Thank the committee for their time and attention.

Write and Practice

1. Draft a script
 - a. Write your testimony verbatim to ensure clarity and focus.
 - b. Keep it concise and within the allotted time.
 - c. Prepare two versions, in the event your speaking time is reduced.
2. Rehearse
 - a. Practice reading out loud multiple times to ensure you are within the time limit.
 - b. Consider recording yourself to see how you come across.
 - c. Adjust for a natural-sounding conversational tone.
3. Prepare for flexibility
 - a. Memorize the main points so you can adapt if you're asked follow up questions. Highlight key points.
 - b. Practice with a friend or colleague. Have them ask questions and respond.

Delivering Testimony-

Spoken Testimony

Deliver your testimony

1. Arrive early, or if virtual test your technology and find a quiet place.
2. Announce leadership from the highest level by name (chair, vice-chair)
3. Introduce yourself when called on with your name, role, and position
4. Speak clearly and confidently
5. Be respectful and use polite language, even in opposition.
Thank the committee at the end.



Follow up

1. Answer questions:
 - a. Be concise and honest when responding to questions from the committee.
 - b. If you don't know the answer, say so and offer to follow up later with more information.
2. Submit written testimony as well
 - a. If allowed, submit a written version of your verbal testimony for the official record.
3. Monitor the Bill's progress
 - a. Stay informed about the outcomes of the hearing and future opportunities to testify.
4. Follow up with legislators/committee members:
 - a. Send a follow up email or schedule a meeting to continue the conversation.

Legislative Advocacy:

How to submit written testimony

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Testimony must be submitted within 48 hours after the committee meeting start time.



If you are not able to submit your testimony during this open window, you may email your testimony directly to your legislator or committee members.

Important Information: Written testimony is public information and will be posted on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS) website. Personal information in written testimony and in the submission form (except email addresses) is posted to OLIS and searchable on all major search engines, including Google, Bing, and Yahoo. **DO NOT** include any personal information that you do not want made public, such as your address, phone number, or health history.

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General Template-

Written Testimony

[Your First & Last Name]

Regarding **[Name of the Committee and/or Agency You are testifying about]**

[Date]

[Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself and the issue you want to testify about]

Give your first and last name and identify yourself. Ex. "My name is Robert Jackson and I am a concerned D.C. resident/a DCPS teacher/a father of three."

Tell them what you're testifying about. Ex. "I am testifying on how the lack of funding for reentry programs and services has made it difficult for me to find housing" or "I am testifying about how police presence in my neighborhood has made me and my neighbors feel less safe."

[Paragraph 2: Tell your story]

Pick an event or issue that you have worked directly on or been affected directly by that you are comfortable sharing with the public.

Tell what services caused this event or issue and how it impacted you.

[Paragraph 3: Explain why you felt the need to testify]

Tell why you wanted to share your story and what you want Council to take from your story.

What would have helped prevent negative experiences or increase positive experiences.

[Paragraph 4: Give suggestions for solving the issue or problem you have raised.]

What do you think the Council should do to make sure others do not have the negative experiences you did or that they have the positive experiences you did?

What do you think will be helpful in dealing with the issue or problem you talked about?

[Paragraph 5: Thank the Councilmembers]

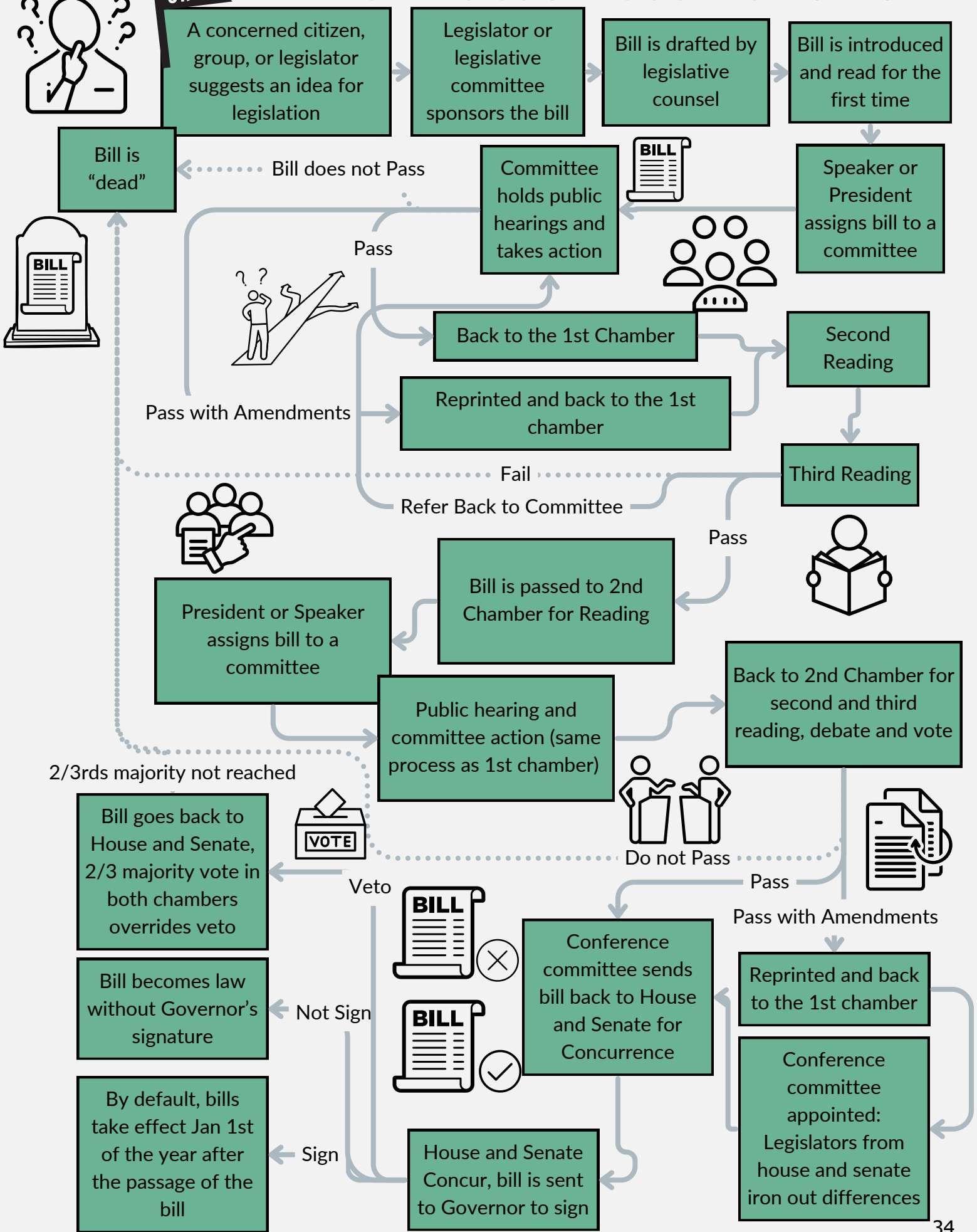
Thank the chair of the committee if you know their name for reading/hearing your testimony.

Tell them you hope they consider your testimony and the solutions you have suggested.

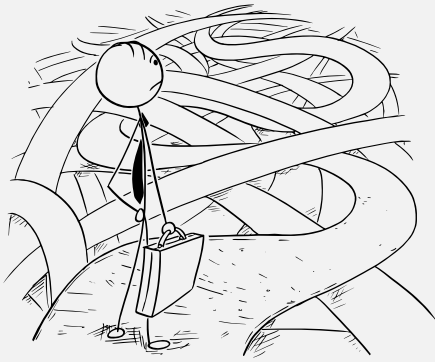
Ex. "Your consideration of these matters and solutions is very much appreciated."

How Ideas Become Laws

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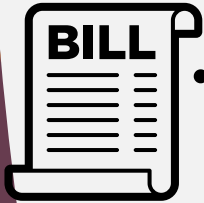


The path of a Law, from the time it is just an idea to the time it arrives at the Governor's desk for approval, is paved with many detours. In order for an idea (in the form of a Bill) to become law, it must be passed by both houses in the identical form. This is achieved through the step-by-step process outlined below. A bill can be introduced in either chamber however, for the example below, we will use the House of Representatives as the house of origin.



- An idea to change, amend, or create a new law is presented by a concerned citizen or group to a Representative.

- The Representative decides to sponsor the bill and introduce it to the House of Representatives, and requests that the attorneys in the Legislative Counsel's office draft the bill in the proper legal language.



- The bill is then presented to the Chief Clerk of the House, who assigns the bill a number and sends it back to the Legislative Counsel's office to verify it is in proper legal form and style.

- The bill is then sent to the State Printing Division, where it is printed and returned to House of Representatives for its first reading.

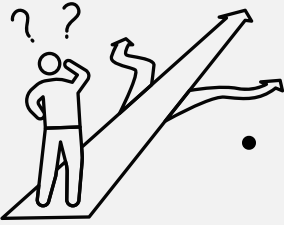
- After the bill's first reading, the Speaker refers it to a committee. The bill is also forwarded to the Legislative Fiscal Officer and Legislative Revenue Officer to determine fiscal or revenue impact.

- The committee reviews the bill, and holds public hearings and work sessions.



- In order for the bill to go to the House floor for a final vote, or be reported out of committee, a committee report is signed by the committee chair and delivered back to the Chief Clerk.

- Any amendments to the bill are printed, and the bill may be reprinted to include the amendments (engrossed bill).



- The bill, now back in the house of origin (House), has its second reading.



- The measure then has its third reading, which is its final recitation before the vote. This is the time the body debates the measure. To pass, the bill must receive aye votes of a majority of members (31 in the House, 16 in the Senate).

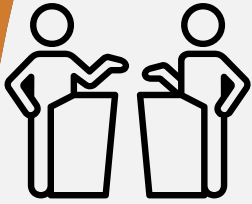
- If the bill is passed by a majority of the House members, it is sent to the Senate.



- The bill is read for the first time, and the Senate President assigns it to committee. The committee reports the bill back to the Senate where the bill is given the second and third readings.

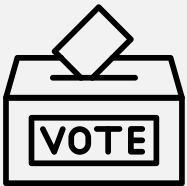
- If the bill is passed in the Senate without changes, it is sent back to the House for enrolling.

- If the bill is amended in the Senate by even one word, it must be sent back to the House for concurrence. If the House does not concur with the amendments, the presiding officers of each body appoint a conference committee to resolve the differences between the two versions of the bill.



- After the bill has passed both houses in the identical form, it is signed by three officers: the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, and the Chief Clerk of the House or Secretary of the Senate, depending on where the bill originated.

- The enrolled bill is then sent to the Governor who has five full weekdays to take action, starting with the first full weekday after it is delivered to that office, if the legislature is still in session. If the bill is delivered after the Legislative Assembly has adjourned sine die, the Governor has 30 full weekdays to consider it, starting with the first full weekday after it is delivered to that office.



- If the Governor chooses to sign the bill, it will become law on January 1 of the year after the passage of the act or on the prescribed effective date. In 1999, the Legislative Assembly adopted ORS 171.022, which reads, “Except as otherwise provided in the Act, an Act of the Legislative Assembly takes effect on January 1 of the year after passage of the Act.” The Governor may allow a bill to become law without his/her signature, or the Governor may decide to veto the bill. The Governor’s veto may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of both houses.
- The signed enrolled bill, or act, is then filed with the Secretary of State, who assigns it an Oregon Laws chapter number.
- Staff in the Legislative Counsel’s office insert the text of the new laws into the existing Oregon Revised Statutes in the appropriate locations and make any other necessary code changes.