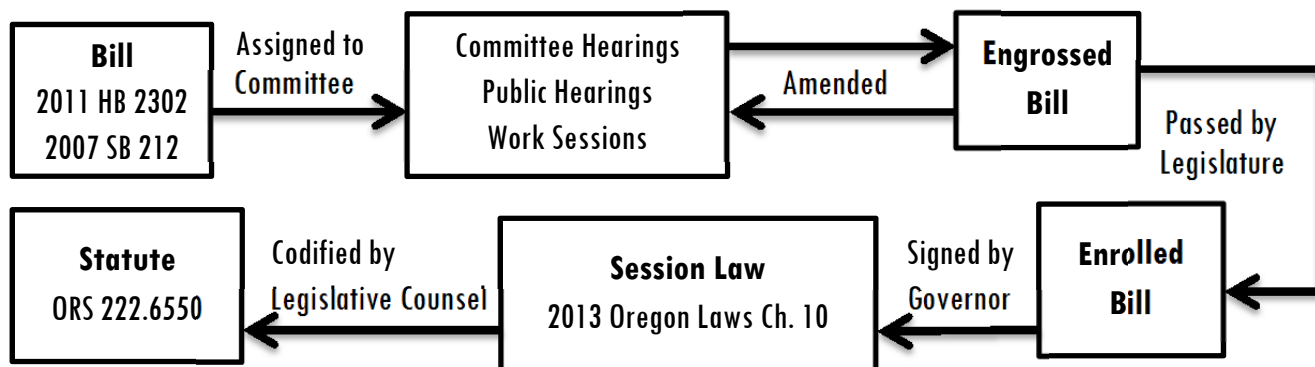


# Oregon Legislative Branch



## House and Senate Journals

These publications of the **Chief Clerk of the House** and the **Secretary of the Senate** are a **record of the proceedings of the legislature**. There is a **legislative calendar** for each bill that directs users to the committees and dates reflecting who considered and acted on the bill and when. They are an invaluable resource in finding **legislative history materials**. Journals published prior to 2002 are available in print at most county law libraries.

- Senate Journals (2002-present) <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/secretary-of-senate/>
- House Journals (2001-present) <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/chief-clerk>

## Legislative Committee Materials

The **Oregon State Archives** holds the documents produced by the legislature. This includes **records of legislative committee proceedings**. This can include audio or video recordings; submitted reports and written testimony; and amended versions of bills. Archives staff can assist in searching this material and, for a fee, **will prepare a legislative history of a bill**. Since 2009 an increasing amount of these materials are available online through the **Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS)**.

- OLIS <https://olis.leg.state.or.us>
- Oregon State Archives <http://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/records.aspx>

## Oregon Laws

This is the **official publication of Oregon's session laws**. A session law is the **text of a bill once it has been enacted into law**. The session laws are published chronologically in the **Oregon Laws** volumes. Each enacted bill is assigned a single chapter. As bills can sometimes be very lengthy, the chapters are further broken down into sections for the convenience of the researcher. The *Oregon Laws* volumes from 1999 onwards

are available on the legislature's website. Earlier editions are available through the State of Oregon's Law Library (SOLL) subscription to Fastcase as well as in print at most county law libraries.

- *Oregon Laws* (1999-present)      [www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills\\_laws/Pages/Oregon-Laws.aspx](http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/Pages/Oregon-Laws.aspx)
- SOLL Fastcase      <http://soll.libguides.com/index/fastcase>

### **Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS)**

Since 1953 the **Oregon Legislative Counsel** has published the Oregon Revised Statutes. These biannual publications **incorporate newly enacted session laws into the Oregon Statutes**. They reflect the state of Oregon's laws as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year. Thus the 2015 edition was released in 2016 and reflected the law as of January 1, 2016. The **current edition and historical editions are available on the Oregon Legislature's website**.

- Current ORS      [https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills\\_laws/Pages/ORS.aspx](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/Pages/ORS.aspx)
- 1999 to 2013 ORS      [https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills\\_laws/Pages/ORSarchive.aspx](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/Pages/ORSarchive.aspx)
- 1953 to 1997 ORS      <https://archives.oregonlegislature.gov/Pages/ORS-Archives.aspx>