

Community Conversations

2024 Oregon Legislative Session

The mission of the Oregon Office of Rural Health is to improve the quality, availability and accessibility of health care for rural Oregonians.

The Oregon Office of Rural Health's vision statement is to serve as a state leader in providing resources, developing innovative strategies and cultivating collaborative partnerships to support Oregon rural communities in achieving optimal health and well-being.

January 25, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Rural health in the 2024 Legislative Session - [Register here](#)

April 11, 12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m. Guide to ORH Data Resources for Your Rural Health Grants & Research - [Register here](#)

May 23, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tackling Workforce Challenges Through Recruitment & Retention - [Register here](#)

July 25, 12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m. Rural Health Resource Round-up - [Register here](#)

September 26, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2024/2025 Tax Credit & Insurance Subsidy Programs - [Register here](#)

November 21, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. National Rural Health Day: Celebrating rural health in Oregon - [Register here](#)





Today's Agenda

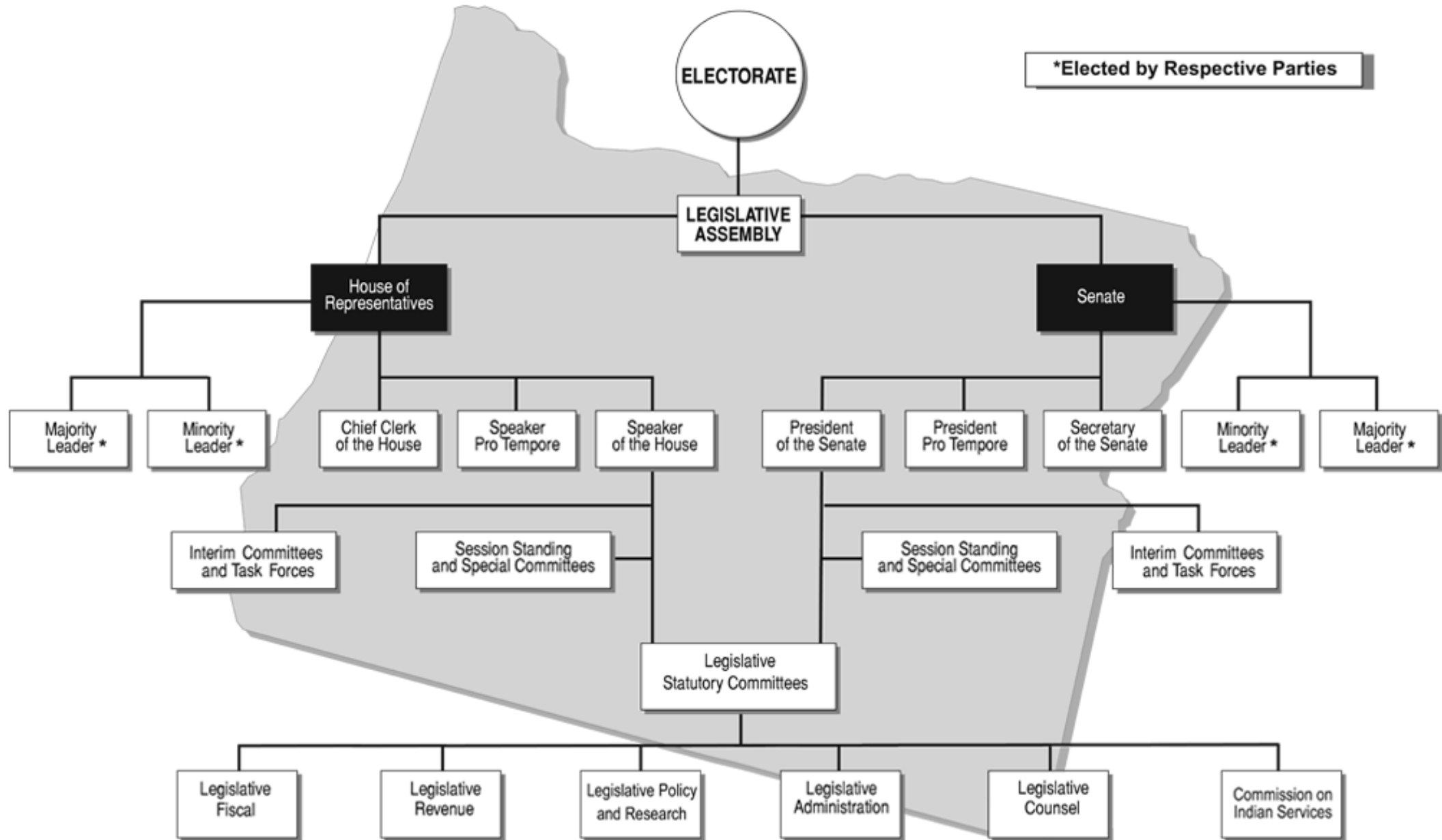
- ❖ Quick overview of the Legislature
- ❖ Review 2024 legislative dates
- ❖ How to track legislation
- ❖ Key bills affecting rural health
- ❖ Sen. Deb Patterson, Chair, Senate Health Committee
- ❖ Your thoughts & questions

Welcome
Senator Deb Patterson
Chair, Senate Health Committee



Quick Overview of the Oregon Legislature





*Elected by Respective Parties

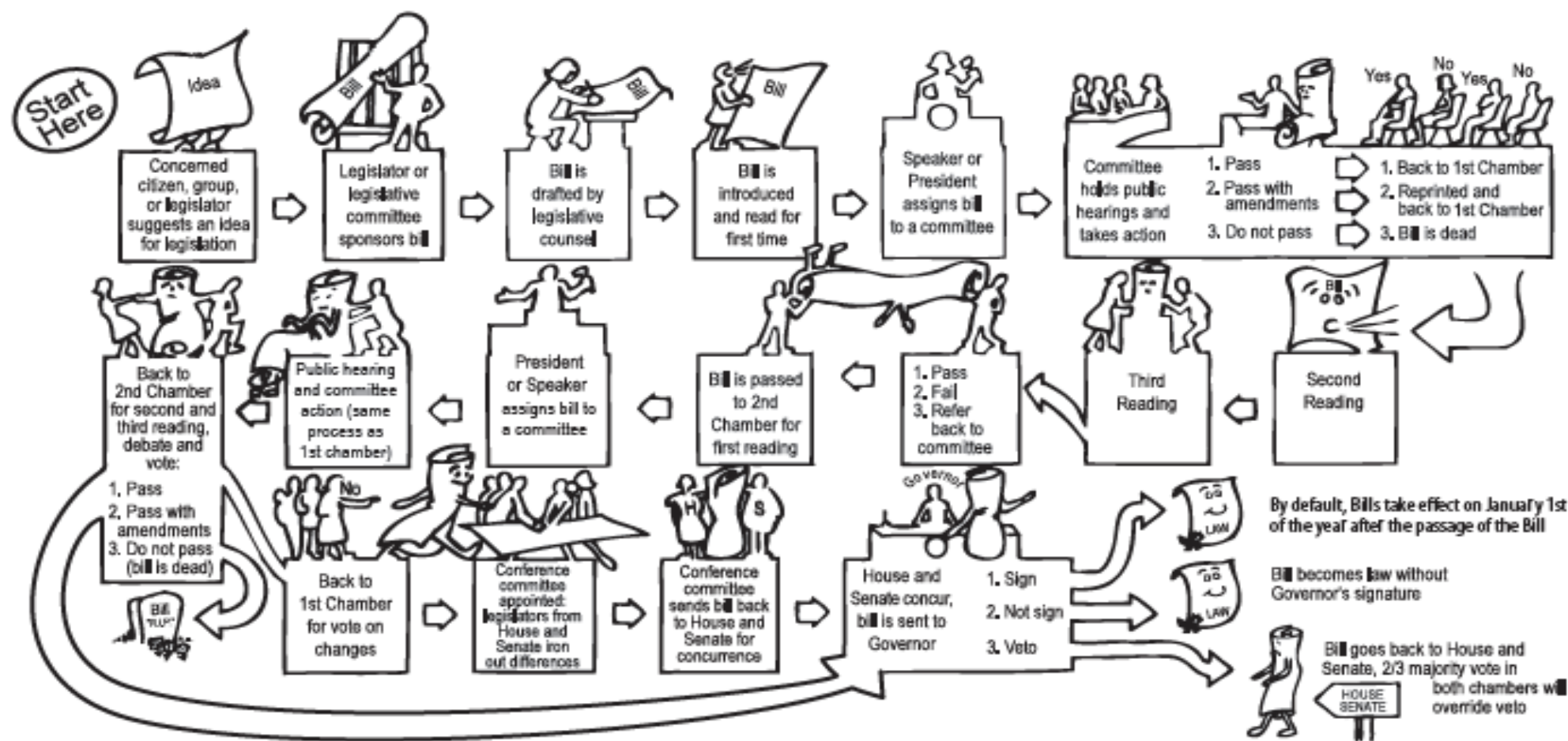
Oregon Legislative Assembly Organization Chart

The House of Representatives has 60 State Representatives who serve two-year terms. Based on the 2020 Census and redistricting process each Representative represents approximately 70,621 people.

The Senate has 30 State Senators who serve four-year terms. Based on the 2020 Census and redistricting process each Senator represents approximately 141,242 people.

How an Idea Becomes Law

A simple view of the Oregon Legislative Process



The Oregon Legislative Assembly

The Oregon Legislative Assembly is state government's "board of directors." It is responsible for making laws dealing with Oregon's well-being, adopting the state's budget, and for setting public policy. The Legislative Assembly is made up of two bodies: the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Senate consists of 30 members elected for four-year terms. The House consists of 60 representatives elected for two-year terms. Each member of the legislature represents a district (an area determined by population). Every Oregonian is represented by one state Senator and one state Representative.

The legislature convenes annually in February at the State Capitol in Salem, but sessions may not exceed 160 days in odd-numbered years and 35 days in even-numbered years, unless extended by a two-thirds vote in each chamber. About 3,000 bills are considered in each odd-year session. Relying largely upon work done in committees, the legislature enacts about one-third of these bills into Law



Gov Tina Kotek



Sen. Rob Wagner



Rep. Dan Rayfield



Rep. Julie Fahey
House Majority Leader



Rep. Jeff Helfrich
House Minority Leader



Sen. Kate Lieber
Senate Majority Leader



Sen. Tim Knopp
Senate Minority Leader



Long Session vs Short Session

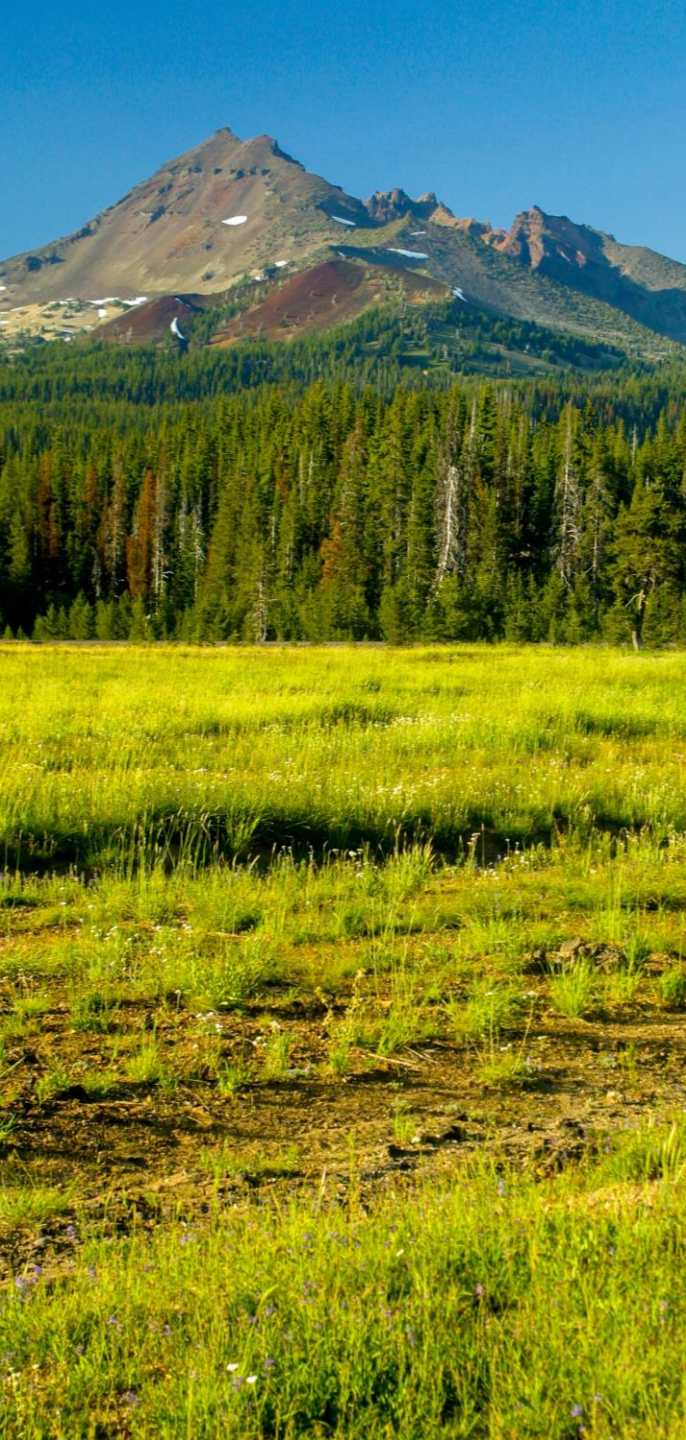
Article IV, Sect. 10, of the Oregon Constitution establishes when the Legislative Assembly convenes for regular, annual sessions.

Long Session

During odd-numbered years, session is limited to 160 calendar days and starts on the Tuesday after Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Short Session

During even-numbered years, session is limited to 35 calendar days and starts on the first day of February. If the first day of February is a Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday, the regular session starts on the following Monday. The session can be extended by five days by a two-thirds vote of the Senate and the House.



2024 Oregon Legislative Session Important Dates

- February 5th First Day of Session
- February 7th Revenue Forecast
- February 12th Post-work session deadline
- February 19th First Chamber Deadline
- February 23rd Post-work session Deadline
- February 29th Second Chamber Deadline
- March 10th Sine Die
- March 12th Filing Deadline

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION INFORMATION



Quick access to information for the 2023 Legislative Session

The 82nd Oregon Legislative Assembly convened for the 2023 Legislative Session Tuesday, January 17th. [Learn more.](#)

How to Participate

FAQs on how you can participate

Find Your Legislator

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Today's Events at the Capitol

Scheduled Events For 1/23/2023

Floor Sessions Committees Building Activities

Time:	Event:	Location:
8:00 AM	Historic Portion of Capitol Closed for Construction	Rotunda

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Hot Topics for 2024

Budget

Additional revenue is expected in the February 7th forecast. Debate of how much to spend and how much to save

Workforce

Proposal to support behavioral health faculty similar to HB 3396 with nursing

Measure 110

Proposals from both parties to role back BM 110 and increase access to treatment

Home Health Care

Creates Agency With Choice to be the infrastructure to support home health care

EMS Modernization

First big effort to modernize EMS in a number of years.



How to engage your Governor or Legislator in your community

Gov. Kotek is visiting every county this year – You can host an event
<https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Pages/one-oregon-listening-tour.aspx>

Host your legislator at your office or facility
They are home over the weekends and during breaks
Post session is a perfect time to have them visit

National Rural Health Day
November 21, 2024

Want to learn more about how to host a legislator?
duehmigr@ohsu.edu

ORH Announcements

- **2024 Forum on Rural Population Health & Health Equity**
Virtual conference. June 12-13, 2024
Proposals being accepted through February 15th
- **2024 Oregon Rural Health Conference**
October 2-4, 2024, Riverhouse on the Deschutes, Bend
- **Save the date: 2024 Oregon CAH Quality & MBQIP Workshop**
June 26-27, 2024, Bend, OR
Questions? Contact Stacie Rothwell at rothwels@ohsu.edu
- **2023 Oregon Areas of Unmet Health Care Need Report** has been released on the [ORH website](#)

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Your thoughts and questions



Thank you!

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