

2025 Legislative Overview

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The legislative body

Oregon has a bicameral legislature

- 60 members of the House of Representatives, elected every two years.
- 30 members of the Senate, elected every four years.
- The speaker of the House and the president of the Senate preside over daily session, assign members, and appoint chairpersons and vice-chairpersons to standing committees.

2025 legislative process

- Long session may not exceed 160 days in odd-numbered years, and 35 days in even-numbered years
- 2025 session starts on Tuesday, Jan. 21
- First chamber deadline is Wednesday, April 9
- Second chamber deadline is Friday, May 23

2025 legislative process

Bills drop early January

- Read and review all bills
- Prioritize and assign bills
- Prepare for committee hearings

2025 legislative process

Committees start meeting

- Speaker and president assign bills to committee for hearing
- Some bills can be controversial
- Bills receive a public hearing and work session
- Committees move the bill along in the process

2025 legislative process

If the bill is voted out of committee, next steps:

- Move to another committee, or
- Move to the floor for a vote, and
- Move to the other chamber to start the process again.

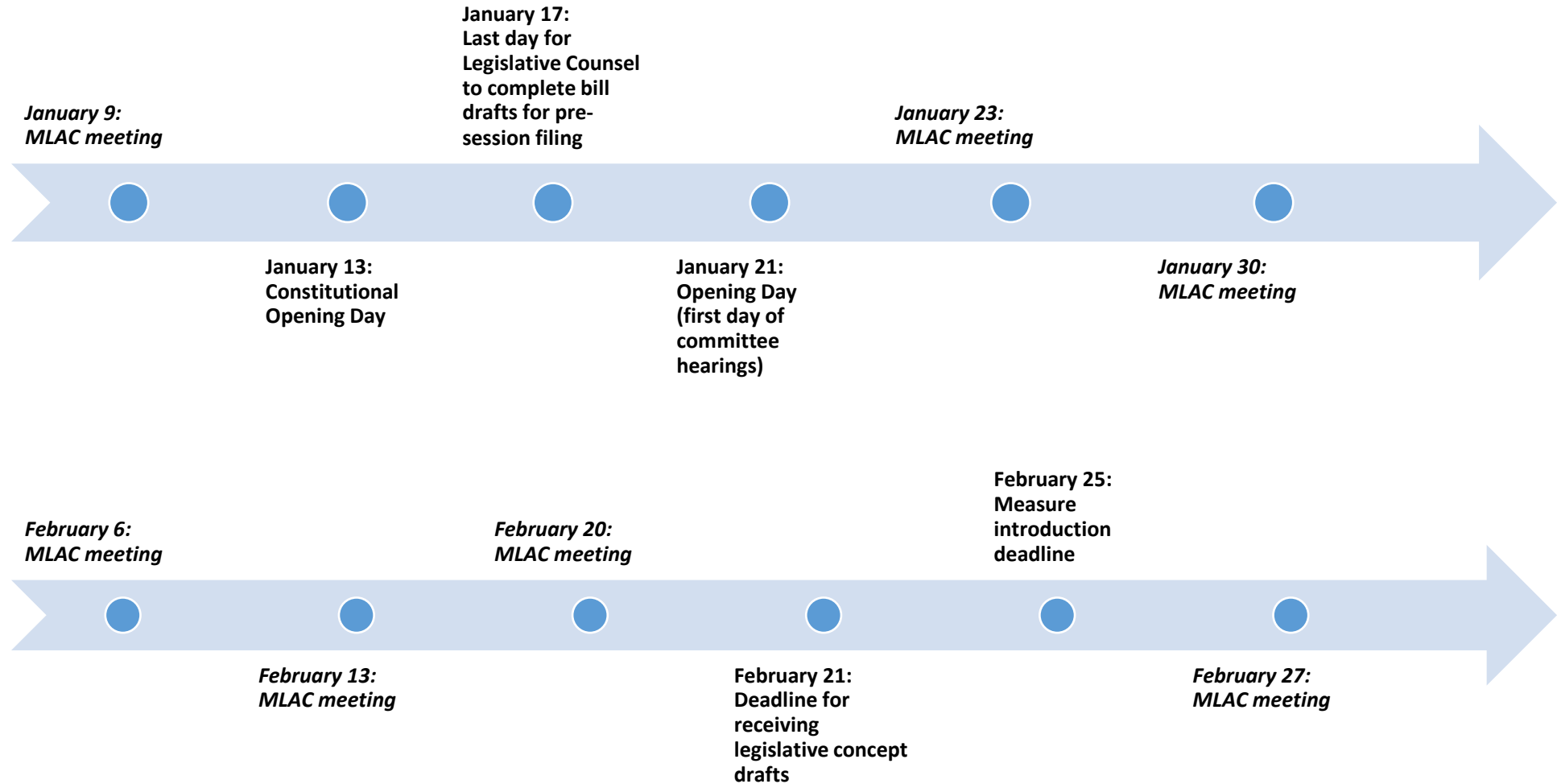
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MLAC's role in the legislative process

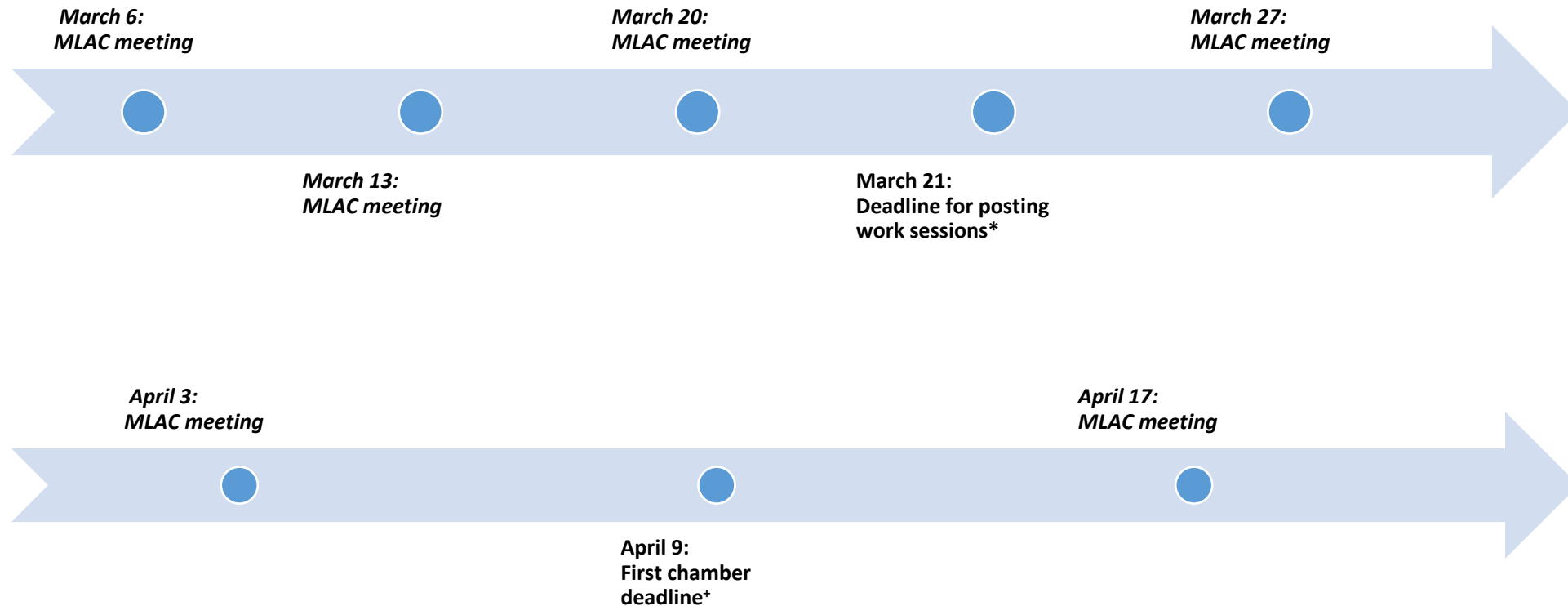
- Review legislation relating to workers' compensation
- Ask for additional clarification of the proposed legislation
- Make recommendations related to the legislation

MLAC can support, oppose, or table a bill. Once the MLAC vote is complete, MLAC can send a letter to the committee.

2025 legislative session: January + February



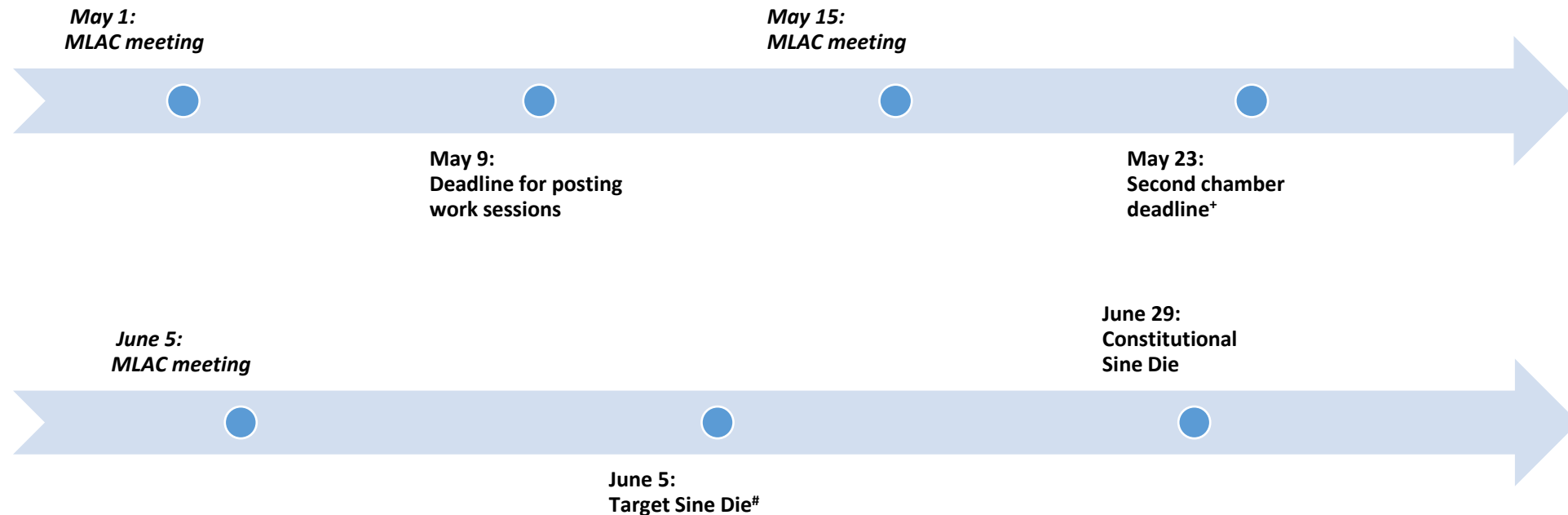
2025 legislative session: March + April



*Work session: A committee meeting held for the purpose of determining the contents of a measure to be reported out of committee.

⁺Deadline for most committees to complete work on House measures (House committees) and Senate measures (Senate committees).

2025 legislative session: May + June

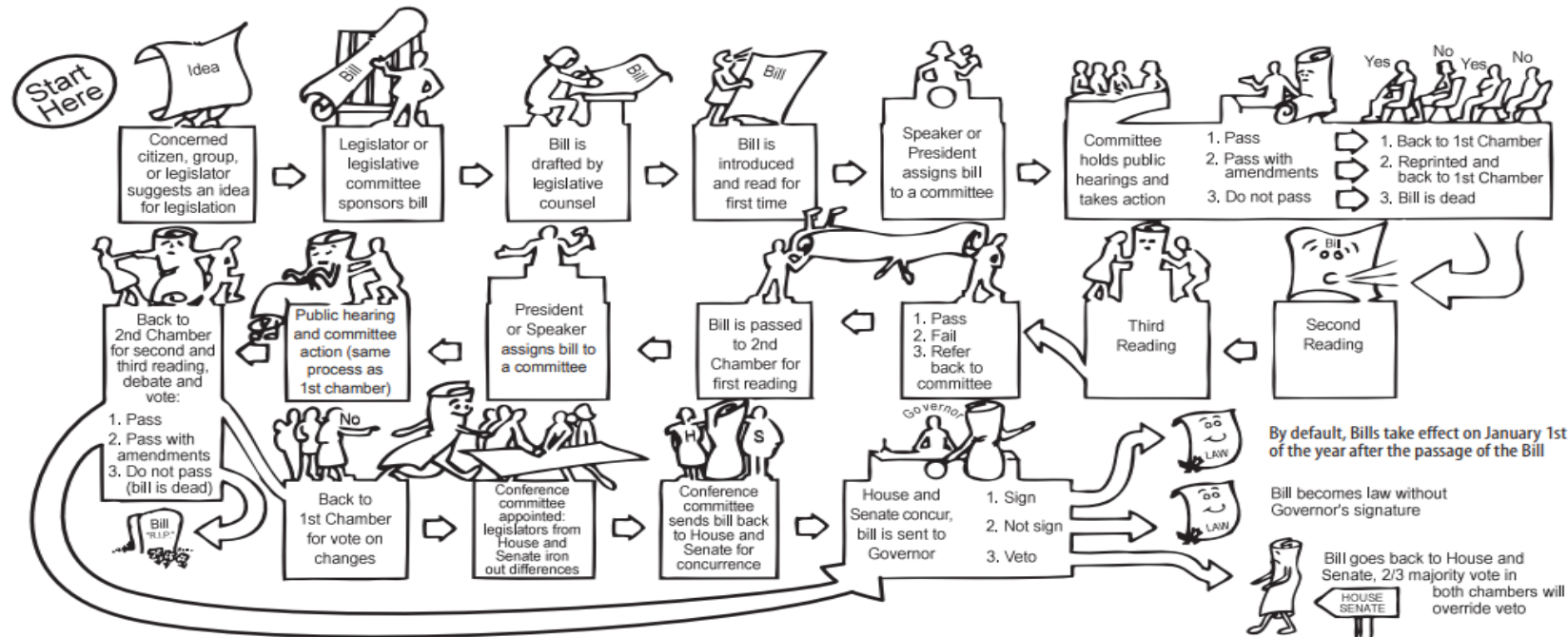


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[#]Sine Die - "Without fixing a day for a future meeting." The last day of a Legislative Session.

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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

2025 legislative session calendar

2025 Session Calendar

JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 New Member Academy	10 New Member Academy	11
12	13 Org Days; Swearing In	14 Trainings	15 Trainings	16 Trainings	17 LC Draft Request Deadline	18
19	20 MLK Day	21 Session Begins	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

FEBRUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 President's Day	18	19	20	21 LC returns drafts	22
23	24	25 Measure Intro Deadline	26 Revenue Forecast	27	28	

MARCH						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Begin Daily Floor	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Post Work Session	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 First chamber deadline	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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MAY							JUNE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9 Post Work Session	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14 Revenue Forecast	15	16	17	15	16	17	18 Target Sine Die	19 Juneteenth	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	23 Second Chamber Deadline	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31	29 Constitutional Sine Die	30					

Dates subject to the adoption of CR (2025 Regular Session)

Organizational Day	Member swearing in; organization; and first reading of pre-session filed bills.
Training Days	Member and staff training.
Leg. Counsel Deadlines	Deadlines for bills to be requested, returned by LC, and introduced (after these deadlines, subsequent drafts and intros count against per legislator limits. See SR 13.15(2); HR 12.35.
State Holiday	Holiday.
Important Session Dates	Deadlines for bills to be posted for work sessions, then voted out of policy committees in the first and second chambers. Joint policy committees adhere to the second chamber deadline only. Does not apply to Conduct, Rules, Revenue, or JWM.
Floor Sessions	Senate and House floor sessions will be announced by the Senate President or House Speaker. Daily floor sessions begin on Monday, March 10, 2025.
Revenue Forecast	Revenue forecast.