



Oregon Department of
**Early Learning
and Care**

TAC Meeting

January 8, 2025



Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Tribal Early Learning Plan Follow-Up:
 - Funding Proposal
 - Legislative Session
4. Tribal Comments, Questions, Feedback
5. Closing and Adjournment



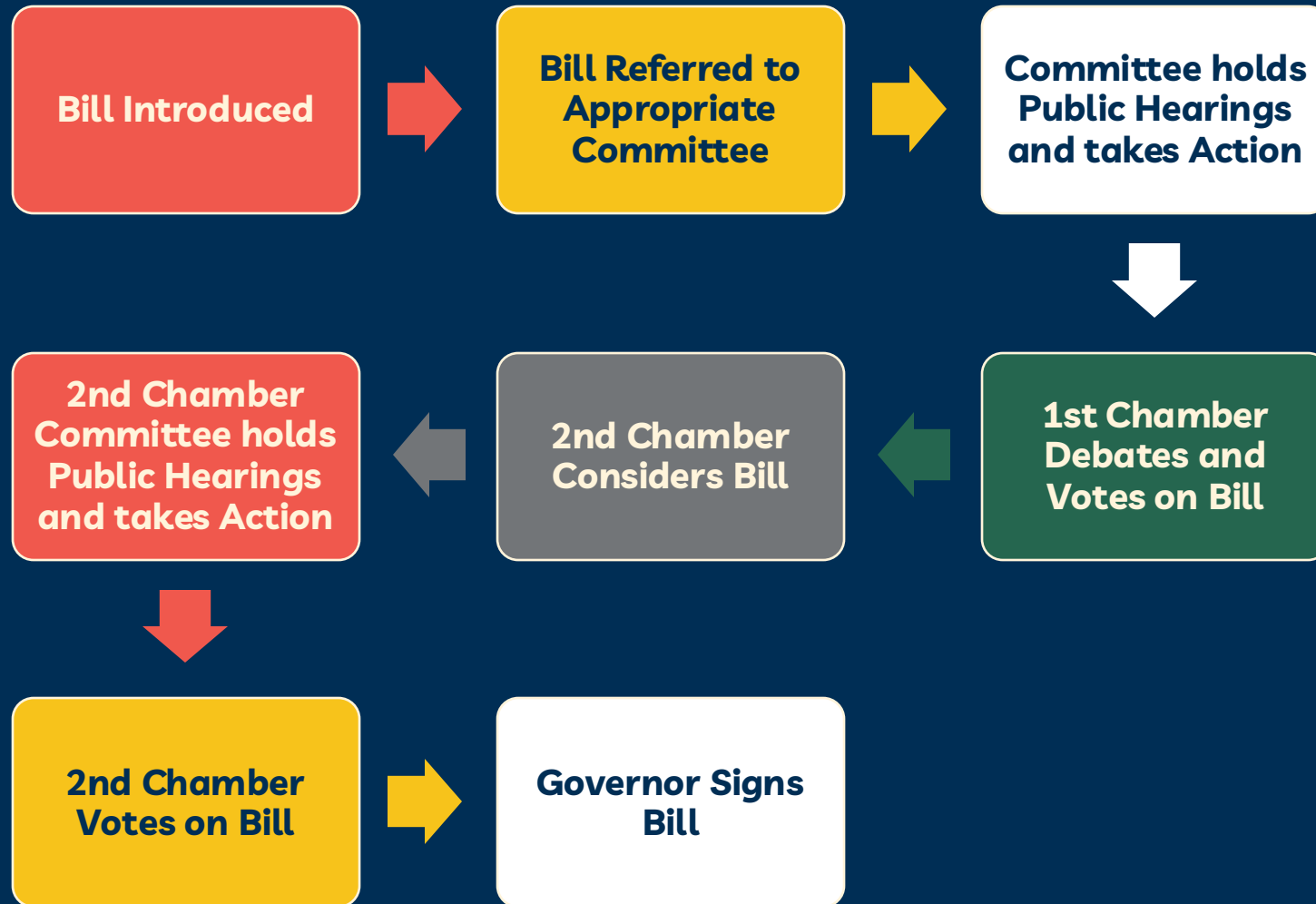


Welcome!

What is something you're looking forward to in 2025?

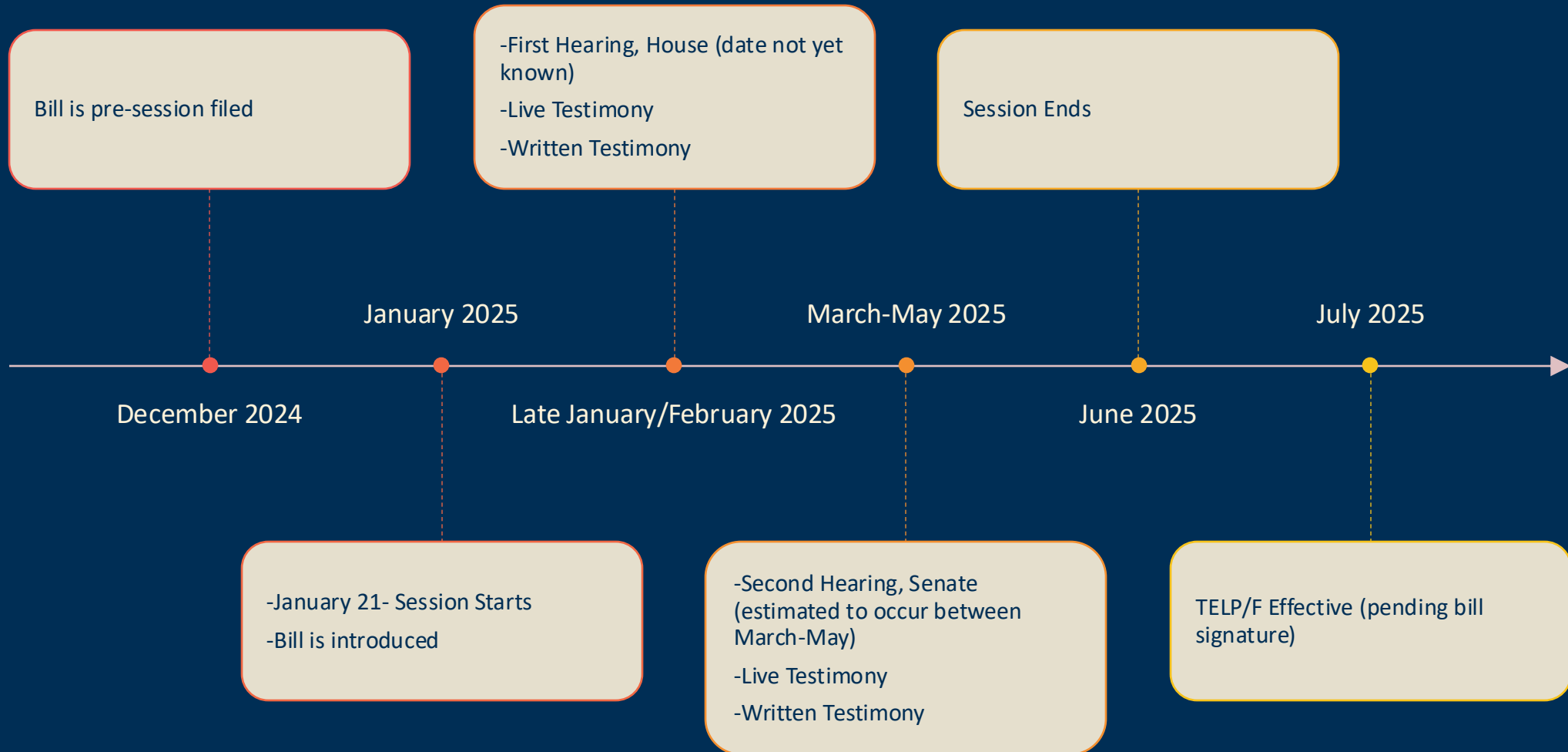


How a Bill Becomes Law





Legislative Timeline





Testifying to Legislature

Presented by Kathy Wai



Next Steps

Legislative Engagement in the 2025 Session



Funding Distribution Methods

1. Needs-Based (Tribes specify amount they need each biennium)

Recognizing that some Tribes have expressed concern with being able to expend a large amount of funding in the 25-27 biennium, each Tribe could submit a proposed spending plan to DELC as an application for funding.

Application Options	
Process Options	Considerations for Further Discussion
Option 1: Each Tribe submits their full list of funding needs (no maximum) to DELC and OTELA for review. Funding is automatically granted up to the equal distribution amount (~\$573,000 under current recommendations).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full list of funding needs provides valuable information to share with the Legislature to demonstrate clear need for investment.• Tribes may need to indicate which projects they plan to fund, and which would require additional investment.
Option 2: Each Tribe submits a list of funding needs up to a certain amount (\$573,000 under current recommendations) to DELC and OTELA for review.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Timelines and application criteria would need to be developed to submit and review applications and determine additional funding amounts.

2. Equal Distribution with Reallocation of Unspent Funds Proposed Process

Under this proposal, each Tribe would receive a grant agreement in the amount of \$573,000 (or whatever total amount is determined by the Legislature) from DELC. Each Tribe would submit a proposed spending plan to DELC that can exceed the available \$573,000 and report to DELC on the liquidation of funds throughout the biennium. If a Tribe is unable to spend the full awarded amount within the biennium, the unspent funds would be redistributed through one of the options below. Tribes could notify DELC at the start of the biennium if they do not plan to spend their full award amount.

Redistribution Options	
Process Options	Considerations for Further Discussion
Option 1: Any remaining funds in the second half of the biennium are redistributed equally amongst the Tribes on track to fully expend their funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not all Tribes may want to take on extra funds.• Some Tribes may only want to take on a limited amount of additional funding.
Option 2: Any Tribe who wants additional funding submits an application to OTELA to determine how unspent funding is distributed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Could create another barrier for Tribes to access funding.• Timelines and application criteria would need to be developed to submit and review applications and determine additional funding amounts.
Option 3: Hold back unspent funds for DELC administration (technical assistance, requested support) or to grant to organizations that support Tribal communities (i.e. NAYA).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Likely to be used for true one-time investments without concern for ongoing costs.

Both an application or automatic equal redistribution would require amending grant awards, which requires amending existing awards. DELC can mitigate some of these challenges through the grant award process.



Tribal Discussion

Space for Tribal Comments, Questions, Feedback





Closing and Next Steps

Thank you!

