



# 2025 Legislative Session

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# Legislative Composition

- Supermajority in both chambers
- 12 new legislators
- Leadership
  - Senate President, Rob Wagner
  - \* Senate Majority Leader, Kayse Jama
  - \*Senate Minority Leader, Daniel Bonham
  - \*Speaker of the House, Julie Fahey
  - \* House Majority Leader, Ben Bowman
  - \*House Minority Leader, Christine Drazen

\*new to role in the 2025 Session





# Legislative Dates

## 2025 Session Calendar

### Pre-session

- 1/9-1/10: New member orientation
- 1/13: Swearing in ceremony
- 1/17: member LC request deadline

### Session

- **1/21: First day of Session**
  - Pre-session filed bills in OLIS; start of bill analysis and tracking
  - Committees will start hearing bills
- Mid-February: W/M Ed Sub committee
- 2/25: deadline for introducing bills
- 3/10: floor votes start in chambers
- 3/21: bills must be posted for a work session or they die

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						
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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
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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			

For the full calendar: [2025SessionCalendar.pdf](#)



# DELC's Legislative Agenda



## **HB 2811/LC 406: Imagination Library of Oregon Program**

Continuing of DELC's statewide Imagination Library of Oregon Program, a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality, age-appropriate books to children from birth to age five, regardless of family income. The bill reintroduces HB 2872A from the 2023 session with small adjustments to align DELC's current contract with the Dollywood Foundation. \*Funding was also included in the Governor's Recommended Budget



## **HB 2814/ LC 411: Licensing Statute Alignment**

There is inconsistency in the statutory requirements by license type, often presenting unnecessary obstacles for providers and preventing DELC from responding flexibly to provider needs. The bill includes technical fixes to align licensing statutes among provider types.



## **HB 2815/ LC 412: Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund**

Centering the Tribal sovereignty and self-determination to support language and culture revitalization, professional development, to meet Tribal early learning and child care goals. The Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends additional funding\* for the Tribal Early Learning Fund to center Tribal sovereignty and expand access to early learning and care activities within Tribal nations. (\*in GRB)



# Legislative Committees

Bills must be scheduled for a public hearing in a committee. They are typically comprised of 5-7 members, each having a Chair and a Co-Chair. Some will have 2 Vice-Chairs.

House Committees: Representatives

Senate Committees: Senators

Joint committees have both Senators and Representatives serving.

## **Main Committees:**

House Early Childhood and Human Services

- Chair: \*Rep. Annessa Hartman
- Vice-Chairs: Rep. Hoa Nguyen, Rep. Anna Scharf

Senate Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

- Chair: Sen. Lisa Reynolds

Ways and Means (DELC Budget)

- Co-Chairs: Sen. Kate Lieber and Rep. Tawna Sanchez

Ways and Means- Education Sub-committee (presentation in mid-February)



# Legislative Testimony Training

Testifying is an opportunity for legislators to hear directly from community members about why a specific bill matters to them. It is one of the most impactful ways to influence their decision making. We also want to acknowledge the deep experience on TAC, whether you are seasoned at testifying, or this is your first time, thank you for your interest and we hope this information will be helpful to you.

The DELC Government Affairs team will inform TAC when the bill will be heard in committee. DELC is planning to testify and can coordinate further with the TAC in organizing testimonies.

## **In-person testimony:**

- Takes place in the state capitol building in a committee room
- There might be an audience depending on other items in the agenda
- Those travelling more than 100 miles to testify sometimes given priority to go first

**On-line testimony:** takes place on zoom, and the committee staff will be in communication with virtual testifiers to give instructions, troubleshoot, etc.

## **Written testimony:**

- Can be submitted from when the bill is scheduled for a public hearing in committee up to 48 hours (2 days) after the bill is heard
- Once submitted, testimonies will be saved on OLIS and will follow the bill and respective committees



[Home page for OLIS: OregonStateLegislature](https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/)





# Testifying In-Person

You must register in advance to provide testimony either in person or remotely during a committee or subcommittee meeting. Registration closes 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting. Government Affairs Team will provide notice when the bill is scheduling for a public hearing. Staff can help with signing up to testify.

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**2025 Legislative Session Information**  
The 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly will convene for the 2025 Legislative Session on Tuesday, January 21st.  
[Learn more about the 2025 Legislative Session.](#)

**Today's Events at the Capitol**  
Scheduled Events For 1/8/2025

Floor Sessions  Committees  Building Activities

Time:	Event:	Location:
8:00 AM	Historic Portion of the Capitol is Closed Due to Construction	Rotunda

There are two ways to register:

- Use the online **Testimony Registration System**. Look up the committee or subcommittee meeting agenda or a specific measure on the [Oregon Legislative Information System \(OLIS\) website](#).
- Most bills will be under the House Early Childhood and Human Services Committee



# Testifying In-Person

- Click on the “Register to Testify” button next to the bill on the agenda or at the top of the measure overview page. Follow the instructions and fill out the registration form. A confirmation screen will appear. The system will send you an email. The email sent to those registering to testify remotely will include a meeting link and phone number and instructions for delivering your testimony using the Microsoft Teams platform or phone. Be sure to check your spam folder if you do not see a registration confirmation email in your inbox.
- Register to Testify form includes:
  - Name
  - Organization (if any)
  - Contact information (phone and email)
  - Position on the bill: Support, Oppose
  - Check box if travelling more than 100 miles

The screenshot displays the Oregon State Legislature website for the 2021 Regular Session. The page is for bill HB 3073, which is enrolled. A navigation bar at the top includes links for Session, Bills, Committees, and More. Below the navigation bar, the bill's details are shown, including a list of sponsors and the bill title. The 'Register to Testify' button is highlighted with a red circle.

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2021 Regular Session

HB 3073 Enrolled

Overview Text Analysis Amendments Testimony **Register to Testify** Submit Testimony

Overview

At the request of:

Chief Sponsors: Representative Power, Zika, [Senator Taylor](#), Representative Alonso Leon, [Hayden](#), [Levy](#), [Neron](#), [Smith G](#), [Senator Jama](#), [Knopp](#)

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Bill Title: Relating to early childhood governance; and declaring an emergency.

Catchline/Summary: Changes name of Early Learning Division to Department of Early Learning and Care. +

Chapter Number: Chapter 631

Fiscal Impact: Fiscal Impact Issued

Revenue Impact: No Revenue Impact

Measure Analysis: [Staff Measure Summary / Impact Statements](#)





# Testifying In-Person

- Committee rooms open up 15 minutes before start-time; secure your seat in the room
- You can bring up notes at the dias (the desk where you speak)
- **Opening greeting:**

"Hello Co-Chair \_\_\_\_\_ and Vice Chairs \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,

For the record, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm here to testify in support of House Bill \_\_\_\_\_.

- You can refer to your written testimony as well
- Tell legislators why this bill matters to you; how it will impact you/your community
- End the testimony asking for their support on the bill
- Sometimes legislators will ask speakers to stay if there are questions. Government Affairs Team will also be in the hearing room to help answer questions if needed.





# Submitting Testimony

Written testimony may be submitted online from the time a bill is first scheduled for a Public Hearing up to 48 hours after the start time of the committee meeting during which the Public Hearing is held.

These submissions are uploaded and available to legislators and the public in the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

**NOTE: Personal Information in Written Testimony**  
All written testimony submitted online, including your name and any personal information in the submitted documents, are posted to OLIS and are accessible to all major search engines, including Google, Bing, and Yahoo.

Use discretion with any personal information – do not submit any personal information that you do not want available to the public.

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# Submitting Testimony

Click the dropdown arrow to select the meeting date that the bill for which you will be submitting testimony is scheduled for a Public Hearing.

The Testimony Submission form will open.

## Testimony Submission Form

Please submit written testimony using the form below. Written testimony may only be submitted for bills that are scheduled for a public hearing. Testimony must be received within 48 hours after the start time of the committee meeting at which the public hearing is held. Testimony submitted after the 48-hour time period will not be uploaded to OLIS. If you are not able to submit your testimony within the open record window, feel free to submit your testimony to your legislator or to committee members directly.

Please use discretion with your personal information in written testimony. DO NOT include personal information that you do not want displayed to the public. All meeting materials, including your name and any personal information contained in the submitted form, except for your email, are posted to OLIS and are accessible to all major search engines, including Google, Bing, and Yahoo.

If you experience technical issues submitting your testimony using this form, please report the issue, via email to [testimony.techissues@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:testimony.techissues@oregonlegislature.gov)

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Choose a committee:  ▼

Choose a meeting date:  ▼

**No measures available for testimony.**



# Submitting Testimony

Click the button next to the bill for which you would like to submit testimony.

The Form will expand to allow you to enter required and optional information and enter or attach your testimony.

- 1. Fill out the form\***. First Name, Last Name, Email Address, Organization or City of Residence, on behalf of (optional) and position on the bill (optional).
- 2. Add your testimony\***. Click to select how you will be submitting your testimony: Upload a pdf (attach your testimony as a pdf format document).

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Choose a committee:

Choose a meeting date:

You are submitting testimony for:

HB 3063  Public Hearing  Directs State Treasurer to study and make recommendations regarding improvements to state financial administration.

First Name\*

Last Name\*

Email Address\*

Administrative Use Only - Will not be published.

Organization or City of Residence\*

On behalf of (if applicable)

Position on the Measure\*

Submit text or upload a PDF:  Text Testimony  Upload a PDF

Document Title:





# Submitting Testimony

- Click **Submit Testimony**. The below popup will open.
- Click the **"I Understand"** box.
- Click in the **Captcha box to verify "I am not a robot"** and follow the prompts.
- Click the **Submit button**.

*If your testimony was submitted successfully, a **Testimony Submitted Successfully!** page will open. If invalid data is entered in any of the fields on your form, you will receive a message saying that invalid data has been entered. The fields containing invalid data will be outlined in red. You will need to correct those fields and then click on **Submit Testimony**. A **Testimony Submitted Successfully!** page will then open.*

On the **Testimony Submitted Successfully!** page, if you would like to submit more testimony, **click the Yes button** (do not use the browser Back button). You will be returned to the Submit Public Testimony form. If you do not want to submit more testimony, **click the No button** and you will be returned to the Committee Overview page.

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Under the "Testimony" tab, there is a section titled "Submitted Written Public Testimony" with a dropdown arrow. Below this is a table with the following columns: Title, Submitter, On Behalf of, Position, City or Organization, Meeting, and Committee.

Title	Submitter	On Behalf of	Position	City or Organization	Meeting	Committee
Testimony	Gary Peterson	Oregon Education Service Districts	Unknown	Corvallis	2/15/2021	House Committee On Early Childhood
Testimony	An Do		Support	Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon	2/15/2021	House Committee On Early Childhood
Testimony	Dan Haun	Oregon Department of Human Services	Neutral	Oregon Department of Human Services	2/15/2021	House Committee On Early Childhood
Testimony	Megan McMillan		Support	Portland	2/15/2021	House Committee On Early Childhood
Testimony	An Do	Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon	Support	Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon	2/22/2021	House Committee On Early Childhood
Testimony	Alyssa Chatterjee	Alyssa Colt Gill Miriam Calderon Dan Haun	Support	Governors Office	2/22/2021	House Committee On Early Childhood
Testimony	Martha Brooks		Support	Fight Crime Invest in Kids and ReadyNation	2/22/2021	House Committee On Early Childhood
Testimony	Sue Miller		Support	Early Learning Council	2/22/2021	House Committee On Early Childhood
Testimony	Mary Louise McClintock	Oregon Community Foundation	Support	Portland	2/22/2021	House Committee On Early Childhood
Testimony	Louis De Sitter	Oregon Education Association	Unknown	Oregon Education Association	2/22/2021	House Committee On Early Childhood





# Questions? Please reach out!

DELC Interim Government Affairs Manager: Kathy Wai, [kathy.wai@delc.oregon.gov](mailto:kathy.wai@delc.oregon.gov)

- It will be helpful to know who would be interested in testifying and how (in-person, remote, etc.)
- To consider: having at least one or two members testify in-person and also submitting written testimony.
- Our DELC Director, Alyssa Chatterjee is planning to testify and we can coordinate further details (our messaging, testimony, etc.) with the TAC.
- Please let us know if you're interested in also attending meetings with legislators on the bill.

