

Community Conversations

2023 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 26, 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Rural health in the 2023 legislative session

March 23, 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Supporting older adults in rural Oregon

May 25, 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Supporting Oregon's Critical Access Hospitals and Rural Health Clinics

July 27, 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Addressing workforce shortages in rural Oregon

September 28, 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Enhancing population health in rural Oregon

November 16, 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. National Rural Health Day: Celebrating rural health in Oregon



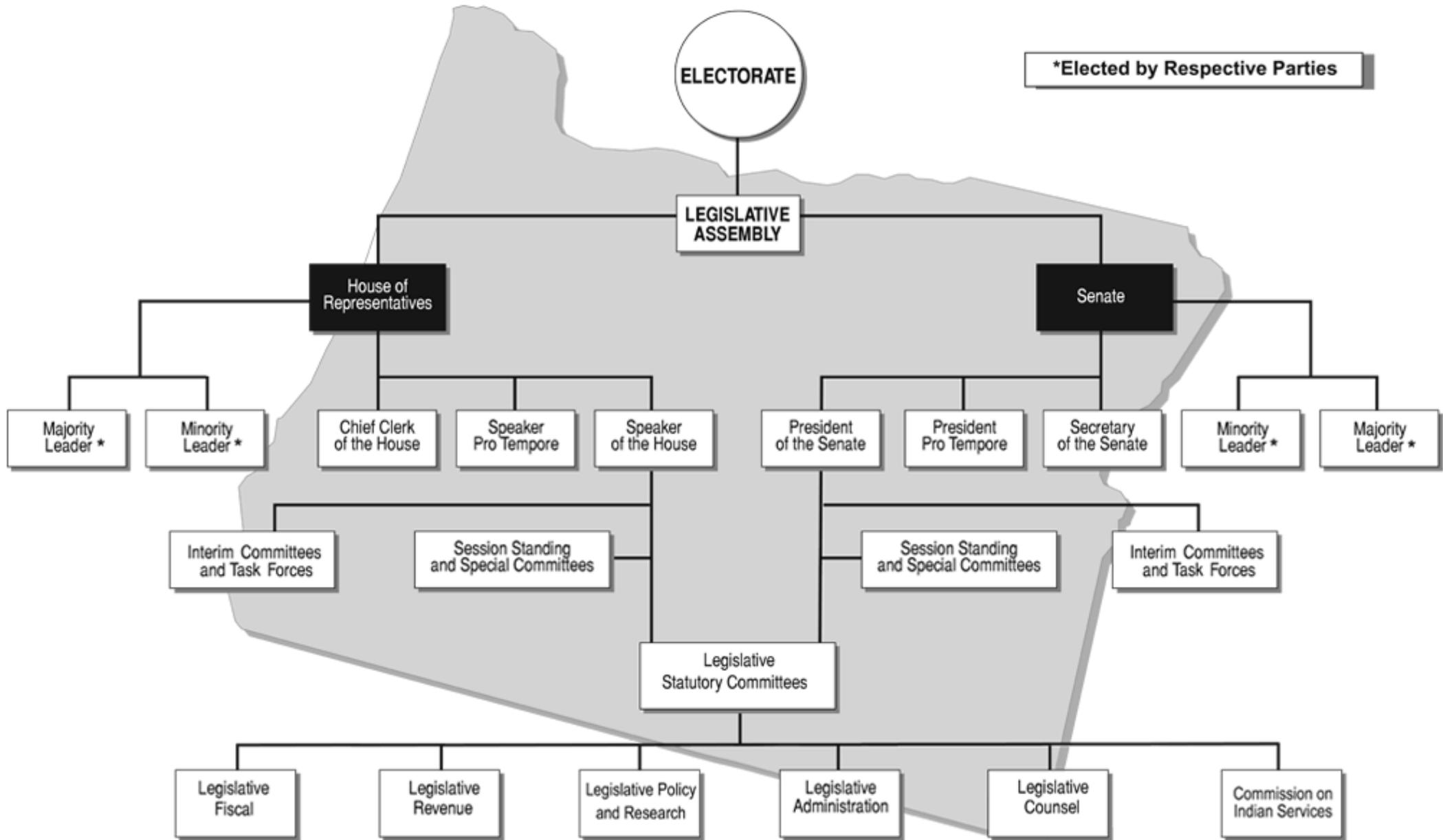


Today's Agenda

- ❖ Quick overview of the Legislature
- ❖ Review 2023 legislative dates
- ❖ How to track legislation
- ❖ Key bills affecting rural health
- ❖ Sen. Deb Patterson, Chair, Senate Health Committee
- ❖ Your thoughts & questions

Quick Overview of the Oregon Legislature



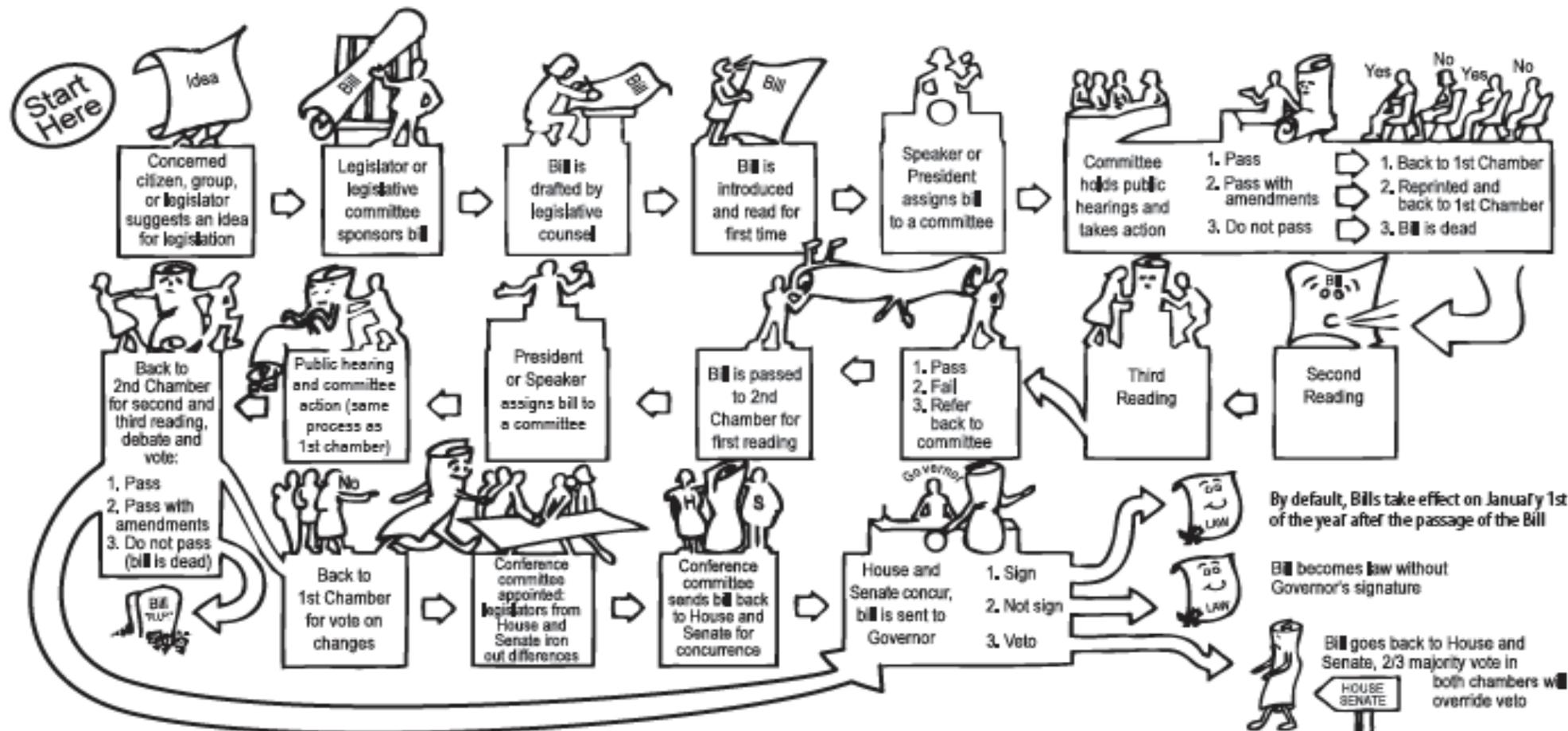


*Elected by Respective Parties

Oregon Legislative Assembly Organization Chart

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. Vikki Breese-Iverson
House Minority Leader



Sen. Kate Lieber
Senate Majority Leader



Sen. Tim Knopp
Senate Minority Leader



2023 Oregon Legislative Session Important Dates

- January 9th Inauguration of the 82nd Legislative Assembly and Governor Kotek
- January 17th is the Official Start of Legislative Business
- February 1st – Gov’s Recommended Budget
- February 21st - is the deadline to introduce those concepts as bills –
POST that date, they become Legislative Priority Bills (every legislator have 5)
- March 6th – Daily Sessions begin
- March 17th – Last day to post work sessions
- April 4th – 1st Chamber WS deadlines
- May 5th – 2nd chamber last day to post work sessions
- May 19th – 2nd Chamber WS deadlines
- June 15th – Target Sine Die
- June 25th – Constitutional Sine Die

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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.](#)

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FAQs on how you can participate

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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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**Welcome
Senator Deb Patterson
Chair, Senate Health Committee**





Provider Incentives

SB485 - Extends health care provider incentive program to health care providers who are students enrolled in health professional training programs leading to licensure as licensed practical nurse or registered nurse

SB441 - Creates dental care provider incentive grant program within OHA to increase recruitment and retention of dental care providers. Increase incentives available to dentists through health care provider incentive program. Directs Workforce & Talent Dev. Board to create & maintain dental assistant training module available to public free of cost. Directs HECC to award grants to community colleges to develop & support training programs for dental assistants and dental hygienists. Directs Dept of Ed to provide funding to public schools for development & expansion of educational programming on dental care provider professions for students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12.

HB2928 - Extends health care provider incentive program to health care providers who are students enrolled in health professional training programs leading to licensure as licensed practical nurse or registered nurse.

HB2977 - Requires HECC to collaborate with OHA, State Workforce & talent Boards collaboration to establish grant program for purpose of distributing moneys to institutions of higher ed to develop programs that prepare students to enter into behavioral health workforce.



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Health Care Workforce is a focus of both parties and both chambers

9 bill focused on tax credit for rural provider (and child care/teachers)

SB2552 - Increases amount of income tax credit allowed to rural medical providers. Removes eligibility limitation based on adjusted gross income of medical provider.

HB2602 - Adds nursing assistant or nurse to types of providers who are eligible for income tax credit allowed to rural medical providers.

HB2626 - Adds licensed mental health professionals and certified medical laboratory Scientists and medical laboratory technicians to types of providers eligible for tax credit allowed to rural medical care provider.

HB2723 - Modifies conditions of eligibility for tax credit allowed to rural medical care provider. Removes eligibility limitation on adjusted gross income of individual providing rural medical care, restrictions on types of hospitals and tiered amounts of allowable credit based on distance from certain municipalities.

SB493 - Adds registered nurse who is nursing faculty member to types of providers who are eligible for income tax credit allowed to rural medical providers.



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 16, 2023

Want to learn more about how to host a legislator?
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ORH Announcements

- **2023 Forum on Aging in Rural Oregon:** May 15-17 in Seaside, OR
Registration opens February 14
- **2022 Oregon Areas of Unmet Health Care Need Report** has been released on the [ORH website](#)
- **Save the date: 2023 Oregon CAH Quality Workshop**
Tuesday, May 16th and Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 in Seaside, OR
Registration will open in march
Questions? Contact Stacie Rothwell at rothwels@ohsu.edu

Your thoughts and questions

Thank you!

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