

House Bill 2527

Sponsored by Representative THATCHER

SUMMARY

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Requires governing body of public body to provide for sound, video or digital recording or taking of written minutes of certain hearings not subject to public meetings law.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to public meetings; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 192.650.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 192.650 is amended to read:

5 192.650. (1) The governing body of a public body shall provide for the sound, video or digital
6 recording or the taking of written minutes of all its meetings. Neither a full transcript nor a full
7 recording of the meeting is required, except as otherwise provided by law, but the written minutes
8 or recording must give a true reflection of the matters discussed at the meeting and the views of
9 the participants. All minutes or recordings shall be available to the public within a reasonable time
10 after the meeting, and shall include at least the following information:

11 (a) All members of the governing body present;

12 (b) All motions, proposals, resolutions, orders, ordinances and measures proposed and their dis-
13 position;

14 (c) The results of all votes and, except for public bodies consisting of more than 25 members
15 unless requested by a member of that body, the vote of each member by name;

16 (d) The substance of any discussion on any matter; and

17 (e) Subject to ORS 192.410 to 192.505 relating to public records, a reference to any document
18 discussed at the meeting.

19 (2) Minutes of executive sessions shall be kept in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.
20 However, the minutes of a hearing held under ORS 332.061 shall contain only the material not ex-
21 cluded under ORS 332.061 (2). Instead of written minutes, a record of any executive session may be
22 kept in the form of a sound or video tape or digital recording, which need not be transcribed unless
23 otherwise provided by law. If the disclosure of certain material is inconsistent with the purpose for
24 which a meeting under ORS 192.660 is authorized to be held, that material may be excluded from
25 disclosure. However, excluded materials are authorized to be examined privately by a court in any
26 legal action and the court shall determine their admissibility.

27 **(3) The governing body of a public body shall provide for the sound, video or digital re-**
28 **recording or the taking of written minutes of all hearings conducted on behalf of the governing**
29 **body and to which ORS 192.610 to 192.690 do not otherwise apply. This subsection applies only**
30 **to hearings to which the public is invited for the purpose of providing testimony. This sub-**
31 **section does not apply to any hearing conducted under ORS chapter 183. This subsection does**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 not require a full transcript or a full recording of the hearing. The written minutes or re-
2 cording must give a true reflection of the matters discussed at the hearing and the views
3 of the participants. The governing body on whose behalf the hearing was conducted shall
4 make all minutes or recordings available to the public within a reasonable time after the
5 hearing. The minutes or recordings shall include at least the following information:

- 6 (a) The name of any person conducting the hearing;
- 7 (b) The substance of any discussion on any matter; and
- 8 (c) A reference to any document discussed at the meeting.

9 [(3)] (4) A reference in minutes or a recording to a document discussed at a meeting of a gov-
10 erning body of a public body or at a hearing described in subsection (3) of this section does not
11 affect the status of the document under ORS 192.410 to 192.505.

12 [(4)] (5) A public body may charge a person a fee under ORS 192.440 for the preparation of a
13 transcript from a recording.

14 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 192.650 by section 1 of this 2007 Act apply to**
15 **hearings held on or after the effective date of this 2007 Act.**

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