

# House Bill 2465

Sponsored by Representative GELSER; Representative DEMBROW (at the request of Penny York) (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires at least 72 hours' notice for conduct of public meetings, unless actual emergency warrants less notice. Requires emergency justification for public meetings held with less than 72 hours' notice to be described in minutes and to be affirmed by at least a three-fifths majority vote of governing body.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to notice requirements for public meetings; amending ORS 192.640.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 192.640 is amended to read:

5 192.640. (1) The governing body of a public body shall provide for and give public notice, rea-  
6 sonably calculated to give actual notice to interested persons including news media which have re-  
7 quested notice, of the time and place for holding regular meetings. The notice shall also include a  
8 list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall  
9 not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.

10 (2) If an executive session only will be held, the notice shall be given to the members of the  
11 governing body, to the general public and to news media which have requested notice, stating the  
12 specific provision of law authorizing the executive session.

13 (3) No special meeting shall be held without at least [24] **72** hours' notice to the members of the  
14 governing body, the news media which have requested notice and the general public. In case of an  
15 actual emergency, a meeting may be held upon such notice as is appropriate to the circumstances,  
16 but **only if:**

17 (a) The minutes for such a meeting shall describe the emergency justifying less than [24] **72**  
18 hours' notice[.]; **and**

19 (b) **Before any action is taken by the governing body, the governing body affirms the need**  
20 **for an emergency meeting by at least a three-fifths majority vote in favor of the emergency**  
21 **meeting.**

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**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.