

Thank you for taking testimony on this bill HB 3513

Below my written testimony, I have provided the current definitions for decision, executive session, governing body, public body, and meeting for any that wish to review the State definitions.

Contrary to the testimony that these are muddled, they are in fact, very simple and easy to understand.

The addition on line 9 in this bill,...ie. Budget, fiscal or policy, pretty closes every other meeting, and due to history of amendments prior to votes, a previously closed meeting, has broken the meeting statutes once again.

The current definitions do not provide for meetings to be closed to public, period.  
Does a cube fit in a round hole?

The additions on lines 11-17, provide for new convoluted ways of twisting meetings to fit into A and B, since C is already in the current statutes.

This bill prevents transparency, and blocks the public from being a responsible citizens of this state.

Respectfully submitted,  
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#### Current Definitions of public body and meetings

As used in ORS 192.610 to 192.690:

- (1) "Decision" means any determination, action, vote or final disposition upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, ordinance or measure on which a vote of a governing body is required, at any meeting at which a quorum is present.
- (2) "Executive session" means any meeting or part of a meeting of a governing body which is closed to certain persons for deliberation on certain matters.
- (3) "Governing body" means the members of any public body which consists of two or more members, with the authority to make decisions for or recommendations to a public body on policy or administration
- (4) "Public body" means the state, any regional council, county, city or district, or any municipal or public corporation, or any board, department, commission, council, bureau, committee or subcommittee or advisory group or any other agency thereof.
- (5) "Meeting" means the convening of a governing body of a public body for which a quorum is required in order to make a decision or to deliberate toward a decision on any matter. "Meeting" does not include any on-site inspection of any project or program. "Meeting" also does not include the attendance of members of a governing body at any national, regional or state association to which the public body or the members belong. [1973 c.172 §2; 1979 c.644 §1