

Senate Bill 473

Sponsored by Senator MONNES ANDERSON (at the request of Matt Norquist)

SUMMARY

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Adopts new state flag.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to the state flag; amending ORS 186.010.

2 Whereas the current state flag of the State of Oregon was adopted in 1925, nearly 90 years ago;
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5 Whereas it is important that the state flag reflect the unique character of this state and the
6 people who inhabit it; and

7 Whereas because flags are often displayed outdoors, they should be recognizable from a dis-
8 tance; and

9 Whereas the current state flag features a design similar to the design of nearly 20 other state
10 flags; and

11 Whereas the design of the current state flag features the escutcheon from the state seal, an in-
12 tricate symbol designed to be difficult to duplicate and for use on official documents of the state;
13 and

14 Whereas a flag with a bright, bold design and distinctive colors and symbols would be more
15 memorable than the current state flag; and

16 Whereas elements of the current state flag can be incorporated into a new flag to preserve
17 historically significant state colors and symbols; and

18 Whereas a flag that reflects the unique character of this state can stir up feelings of pride and
19 unity in the people it represents; now, therefore,

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

21 **SECTION 1.** ORS 186.010 is amended to read:

22 186.010. (1) A state flag is adopted to be used on all occasions when the state is officially and
23 publicly represented, with the privilege of use by all citizens upon such occasions as may be fitting
24 and appropriate. [*It shall bear on one side on a navy blue field the state escutcheon in gold, supported*
25 *by 33 gold stars and bearing above the escutcheon the words "State of Oregon" in gold and below the*
26 *escutcheon the figures "1859" in gold, and on the other side on a navy blue field a representation of*
27 *the beaver in gold.*] **The flag shall feature a vertical bicolor split with a navy blue field at the**
28 **hoist and a gold field at the fly. In the canton the flag shall bear a representation of the**
29 **beaver, in gold, facing the hoist. On the fly the flag shall bear a vertical stripe in navy blue,**
30 **and a white star shall be centered at the vertical halfway point of the stripe. The obverse**
31 **and reverse of the flag shall be mirror images of each other.**

32 **(2) Any flag bearing the design of a formerly adopted state flag shall continue as a state**

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 **flag.**

2 [(2)] (3) The official colors of the State of Oregon are navy blue and gold.

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