## Senate Bill 637

Sponsored by Senator FERRIOLI

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## **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.** 

Directs public official who presides over public meeting that is recorded by sound recording to require speakers to state name whenever speaking.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to public meetings; amending ORS 192.650.

## Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

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

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

- (a) All members of the governing body present;
- (b) All motions, proposals, resolutions, orders, ordinances and measures proposed and their disposition;
- (c) The results of all votes and, except for public bodies consisting of more than 25 members unless requested by a member of that body, the vote of each member by name;
  - (d) The substance of any discussion on any matter; and
- (e) Subject to ORS 192.410 to 192.505 relating to public records, a reference to any document discussed at the meeting.
- (2) Minutes of executive sessions shall be kept in accordance with subsection (1) of this section. However, the minutes of a hearing held under ORS 332.061 shall contain only the material not excluded under ORS 332.061 (2). Instead of written minutes, a record of any executive session may be kept in the form of a sound or video tape or digital recording, which need not be transcribed unless otherwise provided by law. If the disclosure of certain material is inconsistent with the purpose for which a meeting under ORS 192.660 is authorized to be held, that material may be excluded from disclosure. However, excluded materials are authorized to be examined privately by a court in any legal action and the court shall determine their admissibility.
- (3) A reference in minutes or a recording to a document discussed at a meeting of a governing body of a public body does not affect the status of the document under ORS 192.410 to 192.505.
- (4) A public body may charge a person a fee under ORS 192.440 for the preparation of a transcript from a recording.
  - (5) If a public body uses a sound recording to satisfy the requirements of this section,

**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 the public official who is presiding over the meeting shall require each person to state their
- 2 name whenever the person speaks at the meeting.

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