

Senate Bill 640

Sponsored by Senator FERRIOLI

SUMMARY

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Requires public bodies that make sound, video or digital recordings of public meetings to make recordings of sufficient quality to be comprehensible by persons of average faculties of vision and hearing.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to public meetings; 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) A reference in minutes or a recording to a document discussed at a meeting of a governing
28 body of a public body does not affect the status of the document under ORS 192.410 to 192.505.

29 (4) A public body may charge a person a fee under ORS 192.440 for the preparation of a tran-
30 script from a recording.

31 **(5) If a public body uses a video or digital video recording to satisfy the requirements of**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
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1 subsection (1) of this section, the recording must be of sufficient quality to be comprehensi-
2 ble by a person possessing average faculties of vision and hearing. If a public body uses a
3 sound or digital audio recording to satisfy the requirements of subsection (1) of this section,
4 the recording must be of sufficient quality to be comprehensible by a person possessing av-
5 erage hearing faculties.

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