

House Bill 2243

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG; Representative SMITH G (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**.

Defines "public library" as public facility providing free and equal access to library and information services for all residents of local government unit.

Requires State Library Board to establish minimum conditions for public libraries that include financial support from public funds and regularly scheduled open hours and that take into account library's service population.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to public libraries; creating new provisions; and amending 310.156 and ORS 357.400.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 357.400 is amended to read:

5 357.400. As used in ORS 357.400 to 357.621:

6 (1) "Governing body" means the board, commission, council or other body which governs the
7 local government unit.

8 (2) "Local government unit" means any city, county, library service district established under
9 ORS chapter 451, school district, community college district or a library district established under
10 ORS 357.216 to 357.286.

11 (3) "Public library" [*or "public library system"*] means a public agency [*responsible for providing*
12 *and making accessible to all residents of a local government unit library and information services*
13 *suitable to persons of all ages*] **that provides free and equal access to library and information**
14 **services for all residents of a local government unit.**

15 **SECTION 2.** Section 3 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 357.400 to
16 **357.621.**

17 **SECTION 3.** (1) **The State Library Board shall establish minimum conditions that a public**
18 **library must meet.**

19 (2) **The conditions established under this section must, at least:**

20 (a) **Include financial support from public funds and regularly scheduled open hours; and**

21 (b) **Take into account the library's service population.**

22 **SECTION 4.** ORS 310.156 is amended to read:

23 310.156. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 310.155 and for purposes of ORS 310.150, taxes levied or im-
24 posed by a community college district to provide a public library system established prior to Sep-
25 tember 9, 1995, shall be considered to be levied or imposed for the purpose of funding government
26 operations other than the public school system.

27 (2) As used in this section, "public library system" has the meaning given the term in ORS
28 357.400 **(1993 Edition)**.

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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.