

HB 4212-10
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Requested by Representative WALLAN

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4212**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the semicolon delete the rest
2 of the line and line 3 and insert “and”.

3 After line 4, insert:

4 “Whereas pursuant to ORS 401.165 to 401.236, Governor Kate Brown de-
5 clared a state of emergency and issued Executive Order 20-03 due to
6 COVID-19; and

7 “Whereas pursuant to ORS 401.168, 401.175, 401.188 and 433.441, Governor
8 Kate Brown in Executive Order 20-07 established baseline requirements for
9 the phased reopening of the Oregon economy, including essential statewide
10 protective measures in response to COVID-19; and

11 “Whereas Executive Order 20-27 authorizes the Oregon Health Authority
12 to issue guidance to businesses and other sectors of Oregon’s economy; and

13 “Whereas Executive Order 20-27 requires that businesses and other sec-
14 tors of Oregon’s economy comply with applicable guidance issued by the
15 Oregon Health Authority; and

16 “Whereas Executive Order 20-27 provides that during Phase II of the
17 phased reopening of activities in Oregon, recreational sports may return to
18 play provided that the sports comply with applicable Oregon Health Au-
19 thority guidance for Phase II; and

20 “Whereas the Oregon Health Authority has issued guidance for recre-
21 ational sports under Phase II and that guidance provides for a limited return

1 to play for specific sports and prohibits any sports that involve participants
2 coming into bodily contact; and

3 “Whereas many recreational sports remain prohibited under the guidance
4 of the Oregon Health Authority, including football, wrestling, basketball,
5 cheerleading, lacrosse and other sports that involve participants coming into
6 bodily contact; and

7 “Whereas all recreational sports, including recreational sports that in-
8 volve participants coming into bodily contact, have immense benefits, espe-
9 cially for youths who participate in those sports; and

10 “Whereas studies have shown that youth who participate in recreational
11 sports have better grades, higher grade point averages, better attendance
12 records, lower dropout rates and fewer disciplinary problems than youth who
13 do not participate in recreational sports; and

14 “Whereas studies have shown that participation in recreational sports,
15 especially youth recreation, have significant benefits to the physical and
16 mental health of the participants; and

17 “Whereas youths who participate in football, wrestling, basketball,
18 cheerleading, lacrosse and other sports that involve participants coming into
19 bodily contact will lose the benefits of participating in recreational sports
20 as compared to those youths who have chosen to participate in a recreational
21 sport authorized by the Oregon Health Authority during Phase II of the
22 phased reopening of Oregon’s economy; and

23 “Whereas the Oregon School Activities Association and other organiza-
24 tions that sponsor youth and adult recreational sports should not be pro-
25 hibited, as they are under Executive Order 20-27 and the Oregon Health
26 Authority guidance on recreational sports, from developing processes and
27 procedures to allow participation in their recreational activities while
28 working to limit the spread of COVID-19; and

29 “Whereas the Legislative Assembly desires to terminate the limitations
30 on recreational sports that involve participants coming into bodily contact;

1 now, therefore.”.

2 Delete lines 6 through 9 and delete pages 2 through 23 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2020 special session Act is added to**
4 **and made a part of ORS 401.165 to 401.236.**

5 **“SECTION 2. Notwithstanding ORS 401.165 to 401.236, the Governor**
6 **and executive agencies of the state government may not prohibit or**
7 **restrict participation in recreational sports due to a state of emer-**
8 **gency related to COVID-19.**

9 **“SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2020 special session Act is repealed**
10 **on June 30, 2025.**

11 **“SECTION 4. This 2020 special session Act being necessary for the**
12 **immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an**
13 **emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 special session Act takes**
14 **effect on its passage.”.**

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