

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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Committee Rules

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The Joint Committee shall operate in accordance with the Oregon Constitution; House and Senate Rules; custom, usage, and precedents; Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure; and applicable statutory provisions.

Officers

1. Per ORS 171.555, members of the Joint Committee shall include members of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House and members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate. The officers of the Joint Committee shall include a co-chair from each chamber appointed by the appointing authority.

Quorum

2. A majority of the members appointed to the committee from the House of Representatives and a majority of the members appointed to the committee from the Senate shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Meetings

3. The co-chairs shall call meetings, set agendas, and cause notice of the time and place of committee meetings in accordance with House and Senate Rules. In the event of a conflict, the more generous public notice provisions apply. The notice shall specify the type of meeting and, if applicable, whether testimony will be taken. The House co-chair and the Senate co-chair shall approve all Joint Committee and Subcommittee agenda items prior to posting.
4. Meetings shall be open to the public.

Recording

5. All meetings of the committee shall be recorded. A recording log of all meetings of the committee shall be produced to reference the recording of each meeting. Meetings will be video recorded when practicable. The recording log shall be available to the public within a reasonable time and shall include the following:
 - a. Attendance of members and staff;
 - b. Names of witnesses;
 - c. All motions and their disposition;
 - d. The recorded votes on official action; and
 - e. Any announcements of conflicts of interest.

Subcommittees

6. Agenda items shall be assigned jointly by the House co-chair and Senate co-chair to the appropriate Subcommittee for consideration. The co-chairs of the Joint Committee may assign selected items to a consent agenda. Items on the consent agenda may be approved en bloc. If any member objects to the placement of an item on the consent agenda, an objection may be submitted to the co-chairs. A Subcommittee does not have the power to table or hold an agenda item but must report it back to the Joint

Committee for consideration. The House and Senate co-chairs may, at any time by joint action, remove an agenda item from a Subcommittee and assign it to another Subcommittee or to the Joint Committee.

7. In addition to the quorum requirements, the co-chairs of the Joint Committee shall be deemed voting members of all Subcommittees when in attendance.

Measure Introduction

8. A majority of appointed House members and a majority of appointed Senate members of the Joint Committee shall be required to introduce a measure for pre-session filing. Measures introduced by the committee at the request of any organization or person other than a member of the committee shall indicate the person or organization interested in the measure by stating that the measure is introduced by the committee "at the request of [the person or organization]."

Committee Action

9. The affirmative vote of a majority of the appointed Subcommittee members of each chamber is required to report items to the Joint Committee. The affirmative vote of a majority of the appointed Joint Committee members of each chamber is required to approve recommendations.

Off-Site Meetings

10. Any committee meeting held outside the Capitol shall adhere to the same notice provisions as a regular meeting. Recordings shall be made in the same manner as a regular meeting unless the use of recording equipment is not practicable. At a minimum, written minutes must be kept noting attendance and any subject matter discussed. A recording of the meeting and recording log must be made if any work session is held. Meetings shall be open to the public.

Amending the Rules

11. Committee rules may be amended by the affirmative vote of the majority of the appointed House members of the committee and an affirmative vote of the majority of the appointed Senate members of the committee, but at least one day's notice shall be provided to each committee member and the Chief Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate.

Suspending the Rules

12. These rules may be suspended temporarily by the committee by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of appointed members from the House and two-thirds (2/3) of appointed members from the Senate.