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AND RESEARCH OFFICE

Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO)

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Legislative Policy and Research Office



Vision

Oregonians have a legislative process that is open, transparent, and informed by objective legislative research and analysis



Mission

Provide professional nonpartisan staffing, analysis, and research that supports and informs the policymaking process



Values

Objectivity, Responsiveness, Inclusivity, and Excellence



Committees Services

Coordinates the work of legislative committees during both session and interim at the direction of legislative leadership and committee chairpersons



Language Access Services

Supports Oregonians in engaging with lawmakers by providing ASL and spoken language interpretation, translation, and live captioning services



LPRO's Core Work

Policy Research & Analysis

Provides nonpartisan public policy research, analysis, and development on a wide range of topics at the request of legislators, committees, and task forces

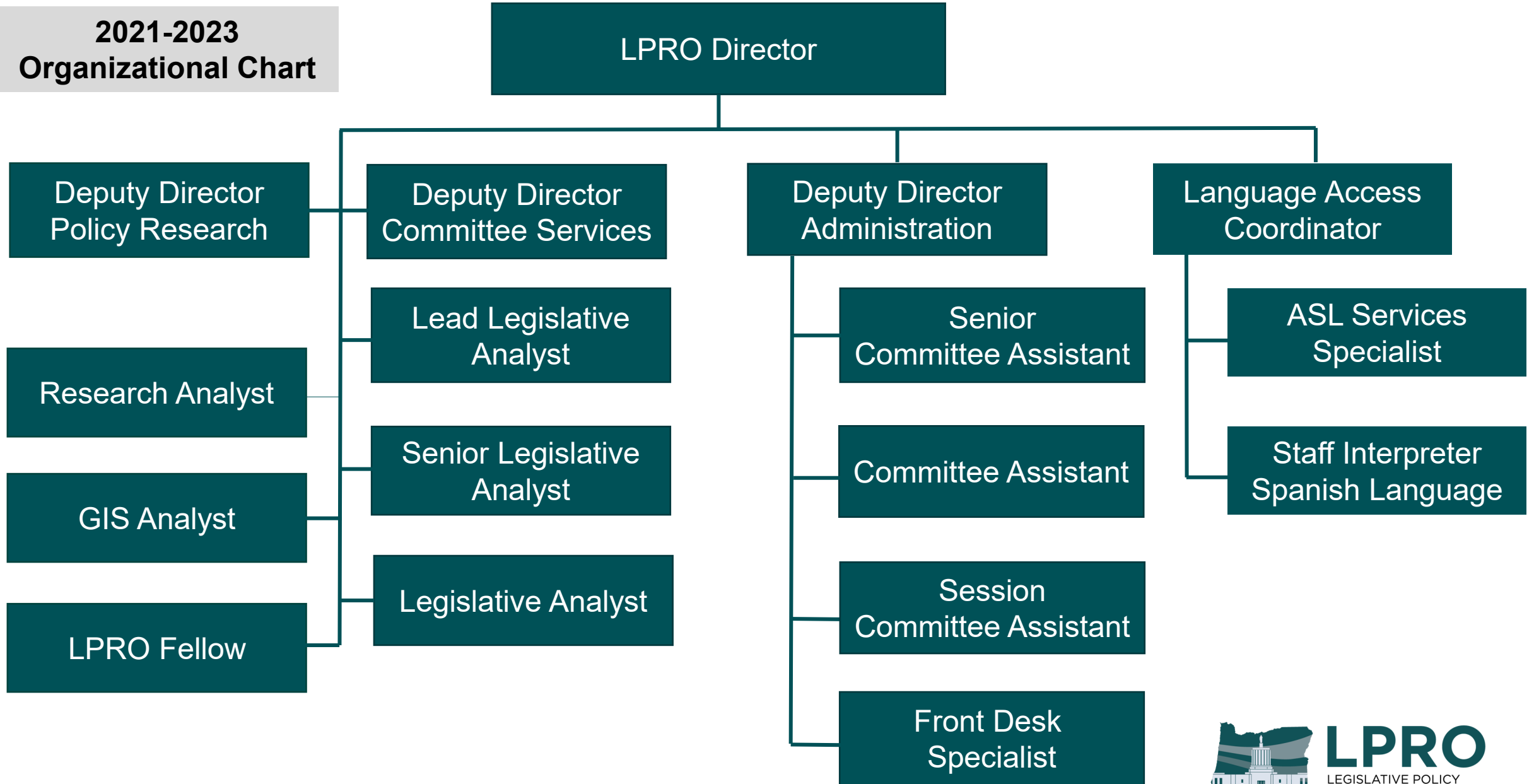


Administration

Manages administrative support staff, officewide publications, and administrative functions of LPRO



**2021-2023
Organizational Chart**



2021-2023 Review



2021-2023 LPRO Milestones

Committee Services

- Supported committees
- Two special sessions (2021)
- Redesigned committee process – hybrid meetings
- Launched New Member Academy and Chair/Vice-Chair training
- Staffed six task forces and multiple workgroups

Administrative

- Developed, tested, and deployed new technology to support hybrid meetings for 2023 session
- Virtual hearings, community listening sessions
- Summary of Legislation, publications team, and website redesign
- Relocated entire office

Research & Analysis

- Established research team to assist on complex legislative research initiatives
- Developed new protocols and procedures
- Completed >100 member requests
- Launched new comprehensive website

Language Access

- Created Language Access Team and developed a plan to establish services
- Provided spoken language and ASL interpretation and translation
- Connected with end-users to get the word out and refine offerings



Committee Services 2021-2023

2022 Session Overview

House – 14 Policy Committees + Special Committees on Wildfire Recovery, COVID-19
Senate – 11 Policy Committees
Joint Committees – Conduct, Farm Worker Overtime, I-5 Bridge, and Transportation

Chamber	Committee Meetings	Preliminary SMS	Final SMS
House	102	322	125
Senate	70	237	107
Joint	7	19	10
Total	179	578	242

2023 Session Overview (* as of 1st chamber)

House – 14 Policy Committees
Senate – 11 Policy Committees
Joint Committees – Conduct, I-5 Bridge, Semiconductor, and Transportation

Chamber *	Committee Meetings	Preliminary SMS	Final SMS
House	319	1,513	425
Senate	243	1,173	352
Joint	40	55	5
Total	602	2,741	782

*Table is based on 1st chamber deadline: April 4 for the 2023 session



Committee Services 2021-2023 (cont.)



2023 Regular Session

Testimony Submission Form

Please submit written testimony using the form below. Written testimony may only be submitted for bills that are scheduled for a public hearing. Testimony must be received within 48 hours after the start time of the committee meeting at which the public hearing is held. Testimony submitted after the 48-hour time period will not be uploaded to OLIS. If you are not able to submit your testimony within the open record window, feel free to submit your testimony to your legislator or to committee members directly.

Please use discretion with your personal information in written testimony. DO NOT include personal information that you do not want displayed to the public. All meeting materials, including your name and any personal information contained in the submitted form, except for your email, are posted to OLIS and are accessible to all major search engines, including Google, Bing, and Yahoo.

If you experience technical issues submitting your testimony using this form, please report the issue, via email to testimony.techissues@oregonlegislature.gov
[Learn more about submitting testimony.](#)

Choose a committee:

Choose a meeting date:

You are submitting testimony for:

SB 410 Public Hearing Allows State Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules to issue temporary license to perform duties of pharmacy technician.

First Name*

Last Name*

Email Address*

Administrative Use Only - Will not be published

Organization or City of Residence*

On behalf of (if applicable)

Position on the Measure* support oppose neutral

Submit text or upload a PDF: Text Testimony Upload a PDF

To ensure a smooth transition to hybrid committee meetings for 2023 session, LPRO engaged branch wide to:

- Develop processes and protocols for online submission of written testimony
- Create a seamless online public testimony registration form
- Train members and staff



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Oregon Legislative Assembly - Public Testimony Registration Form

You are registering to speak to: **SB 410**

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Registration Instructions [+](#)

Select the Meeting Date:

Select...

First Name:*

City of Residence:*

Location When You Testify:*

Select...

How do you wish to be addressed?

Organization:

Position on the Measure: * Support Oppose Neutral

Select Language

Powered by [Google Translate](#)

Last Name:*

Phone Number:*

Email Address:*

Organizational Title:

[Submit Registration to Testify](#)

[Cancel](#)



Committee Services 2021-2023 (cont.)

2023 Session Overview *

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Witness Registration		Public Testimony	
In-person	7,527	Documents submitted (uploaded as PDF)	15,080
Remote/virtual	5,740	Text testimony (submitted as text)	23,498
Total 13,267		Total 38,578	

*Based on 1st chamber deadline: April 4 for the 2023 session



Administrative

- Support for committees, task forces, and workgroups
 - Developed and piloted hybrid meetings; technology support for committees; public testimony redesign
 - Assisted with statewide community hearings for the Task Force on Student Success for Underrepresented Students in Higher Education; virtual committee hearings for Redistricting process
- Publications team responsible for copyediting and formatting of all publications
 - Supported redesign and completion of the 2021 and 2022 Summary of Legislation publications
 - Testing new LPRO Editor position
- New leadership, team building, and establishing new relationships



Task Forces 2021-2022 Interim

LPRO staffed six legislative task forces. Teams of analysts and assistants supported each task force by:



Developed and managed workplans, meeting schedules, coordination, and facilitation of meetings



Prepared background materials, conducted policy research, and advised members on complex policy issues through subject matter specialization



Assisted legislators and non-legislators with preparing policy considerations, evaluative frameworks, policy prioritization, and ongoing review and refinement of policy proposals



Prepared task force reports as directed by task force members, including legislators and non-legislators



Task Forces 2021-2022 Interim (cont.)

	Membership	Number of Meetings	Subgroups*	Report	Measures Introduced (2023)
Joint Task Force on Addressing Racial Disparities in Home Ownership	15	7	3	Report	SB 702 SB 937 SB 936 HB 3492 HB 3487 HB 3488
Joint Task Force on the Bridge Health Care Program	21	18	-	Report	-
Joint Task Force on Corrections Medical Care	10	10	-	Report	SB 520 SB 529 HB 2394 HB 2890
Joint Task Force on Resilient Efficient Buildings	27	10	-	Report	SB 868 SB 869 SB 870 SB 871
Joint Task Force on Student Success for Underrepresented Students in Higher Education	9	18	3	Report	SB 262 SB 264 SB 263 SB 265 SB 266 HB 2262 HB 2263 HB 2264 HB 2265
Joint Task Force on Universal Health Care	19	17	3	Report	SB 1089
Total	101	80	9		24

*Number of task force meetings does **not** include meetings of subgroups (e.g., advisory or technical subcommittees)

Research Requests 2021-2023

Table 1. Research Publications by Type*

Publication Type	Number of Requests
Background or Issue Briefs	6
Maps	11
Member Memorandums	85
Reports	6
Total	108

Table 2. Requests by Policy Area*

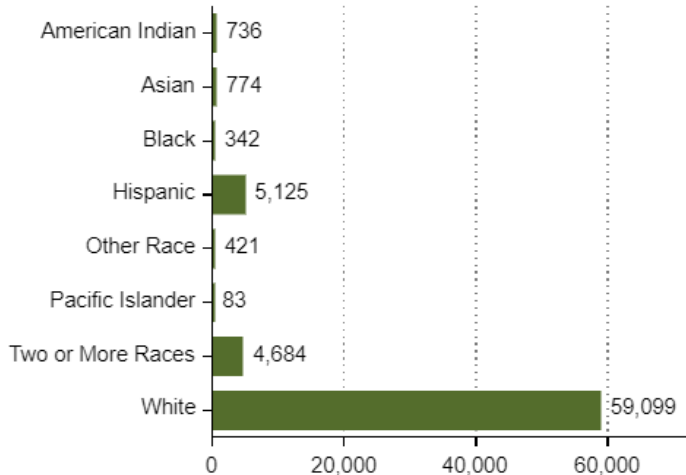
Policy Area	Number of Requests
Agriculture and Natural Resources	4
Alcohol and Marijuana Regulation	1
Business and Consumer Protection	1
Education	20
Elections	2
Emergency Preparedness	1
Energy	3
Environment	5
Health Care	11
Housing	9
Human Services	3
Judiciary	9
Labor and Employment	6
State and Federal Government	29
Transportation	4
Total	108

*Timeframe is July 2021-April 4, 2023

District 12 - POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS AND TRENDS



2020 Population by Race and Ethnicity (Census)



71,264

2020 Total Population (Census)



0.80%

2010-2020 Population Compound Annual Growth Rate (Census)



23.0

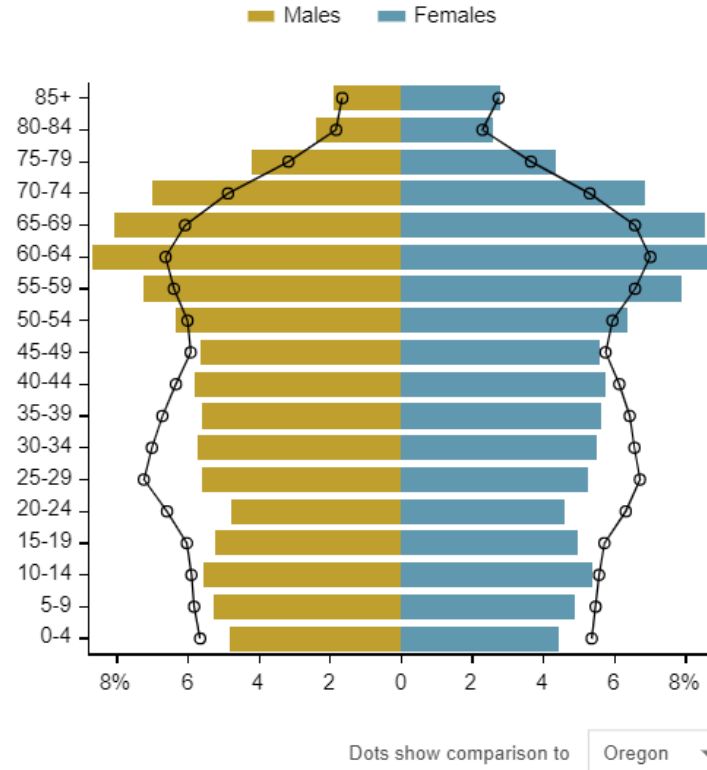
2020 Population per Square Mile (Census)



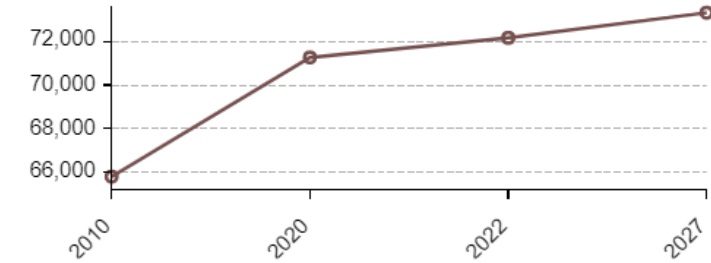
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2022 Median Age (Esri)

2022 Population by Age and Sex (Esri)



Population Trends Over Time (Census and Esri)



Language Spoken Age 5+ (ACS)	Total	Percent
English Only	64,031	95.5%
Spanish	1,907	2.8%
Spanish & English Not Well	248	0.4%
Spanish & No English	145	0.2%
Indo-European	618	0.9%
Indo-European & English Not Well	54	0.1%
Indo-European & No English	0	0.0%
Asian-Pacific Island	292	0.4%
Asian-Pacific Isl & English Not Well	0	0.0%
Asian-Pacific Isl & No English	0	0.0%
Other Language	210	0.3%
Other Language & English Not Well	0	0.0%
Other Language & No English	0	0.0%

[Link: https://geo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/e2896183a08540938f60b061e66c1157](https://geo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/e2896183a08540938f60b061e66c1157)

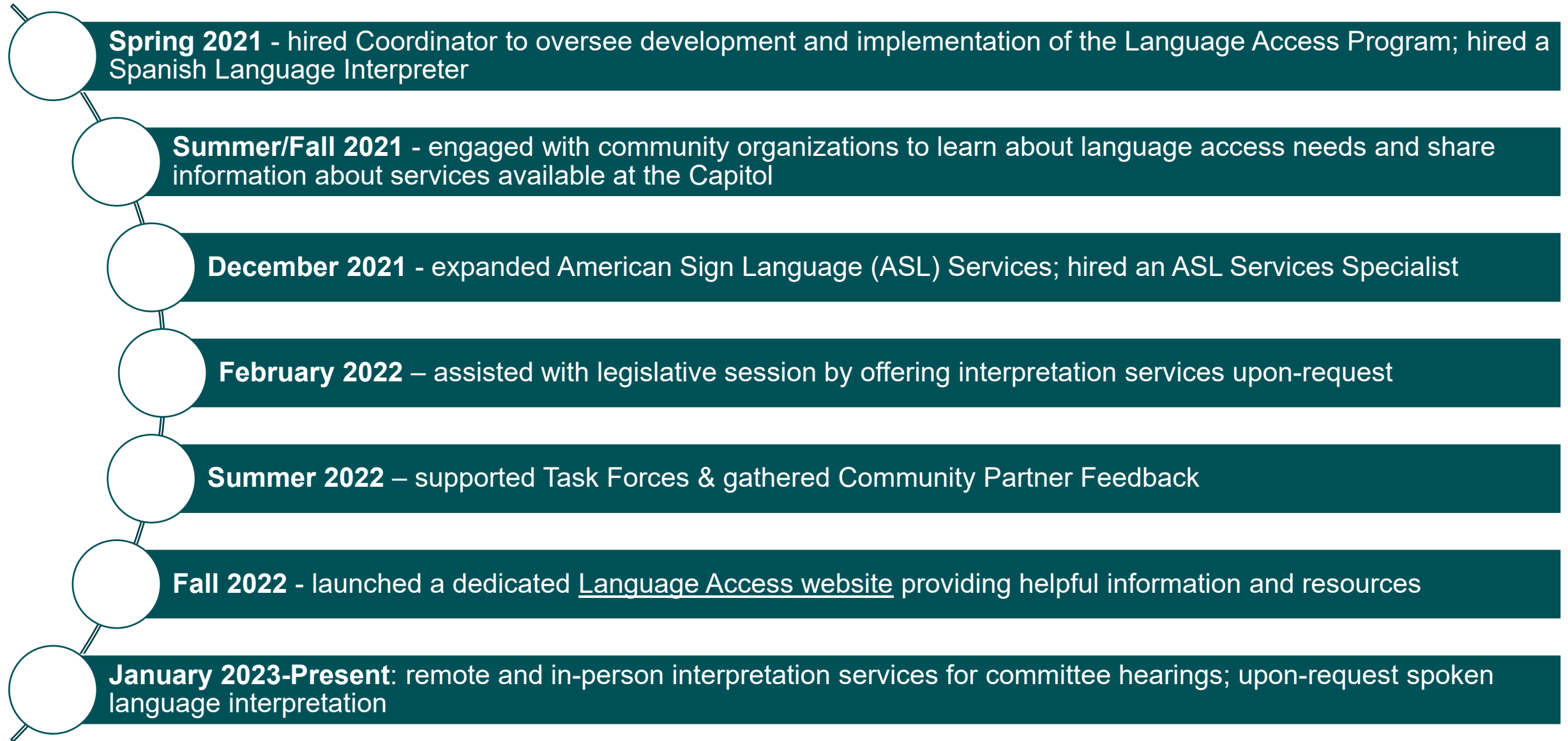
This infographic contains data provided by U.S. Census, Esri. The vintage of the data is 2010, 2020, 2022, 2027, 2000. Data are estimates and have been automatically calculated by Esri software. LPRO staff have not independently verified these numbers.

Language Access Services

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/903785a4869e4cb8a34b4c22320658c6>



Language Access Services – Timeline



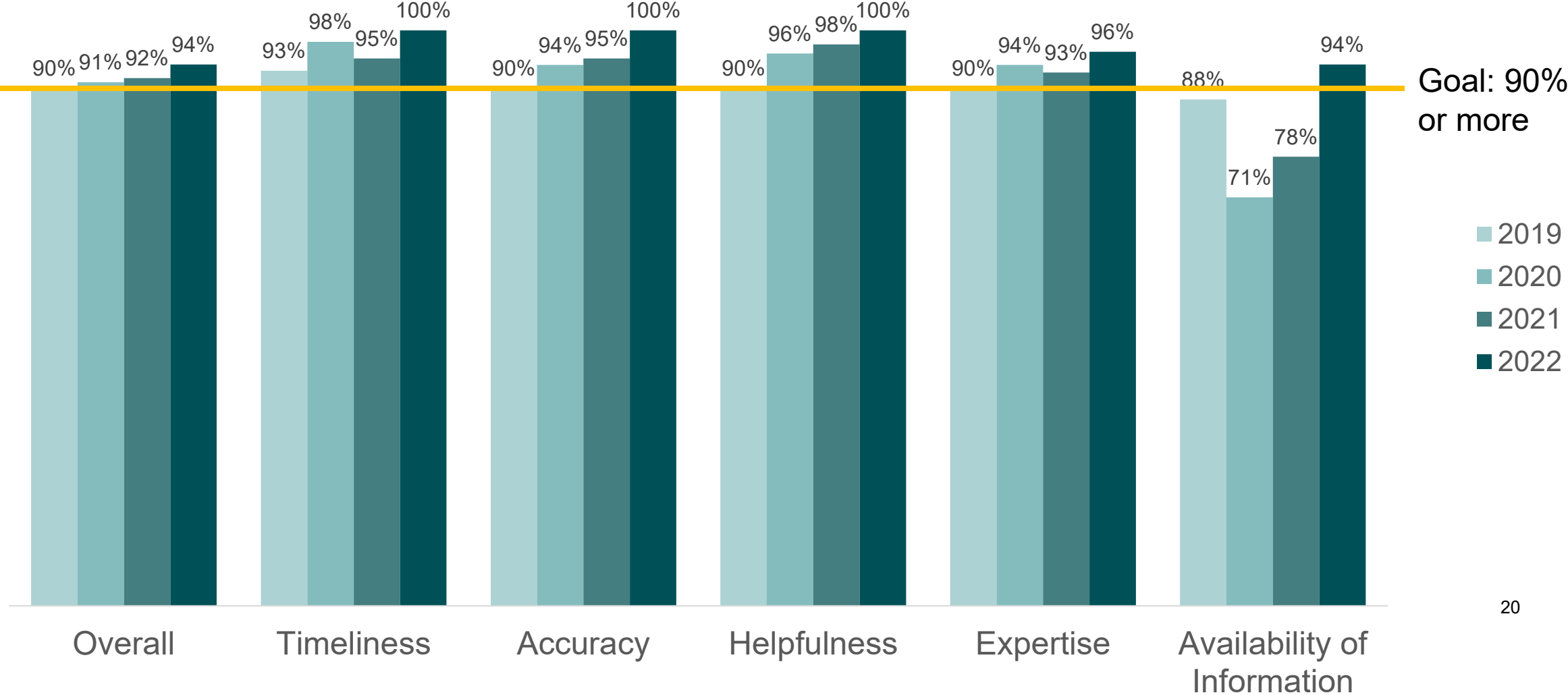
Language Access Requests (Feb. 2022 through March 2023)



Key Performance Measures

LPRO Customer Satisfaction Survey Results (2019-2022)

What percent of customers rate their experience as “good” or “excellent”?



LPRO Customer Satisfaction Survey (cont.)

01

“The more that they can have continuing staff, or returning session staff, the smoother things are.”



02

“Hire more staff.”



03

“LPRO has become a more professional office and they are great to work with on the whole.”



04

“LPRO has a lot of session staff, and the remote work model in the pandemic made it hard for them to get up to speed. The experienced committee staff are typically excellent and really good to work with.”



05

“LPRO analysts are generally very professional, well-informed in their subject areas, respectful and great to work with.”



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Key Performance Measures

Customer Service (approved)

- Percent of customers rating their satisfaction with LPRO's customer service as "good" or "excellent": overall, timeliness, accuracy, helpfulness, expertise, availability of information.

Services and Products (**proposed*)

- Percent of customers rating their satisfaction with LPRO's services and products as "good" or "excellent," including staffing task forces, language access, publications, and policy research.

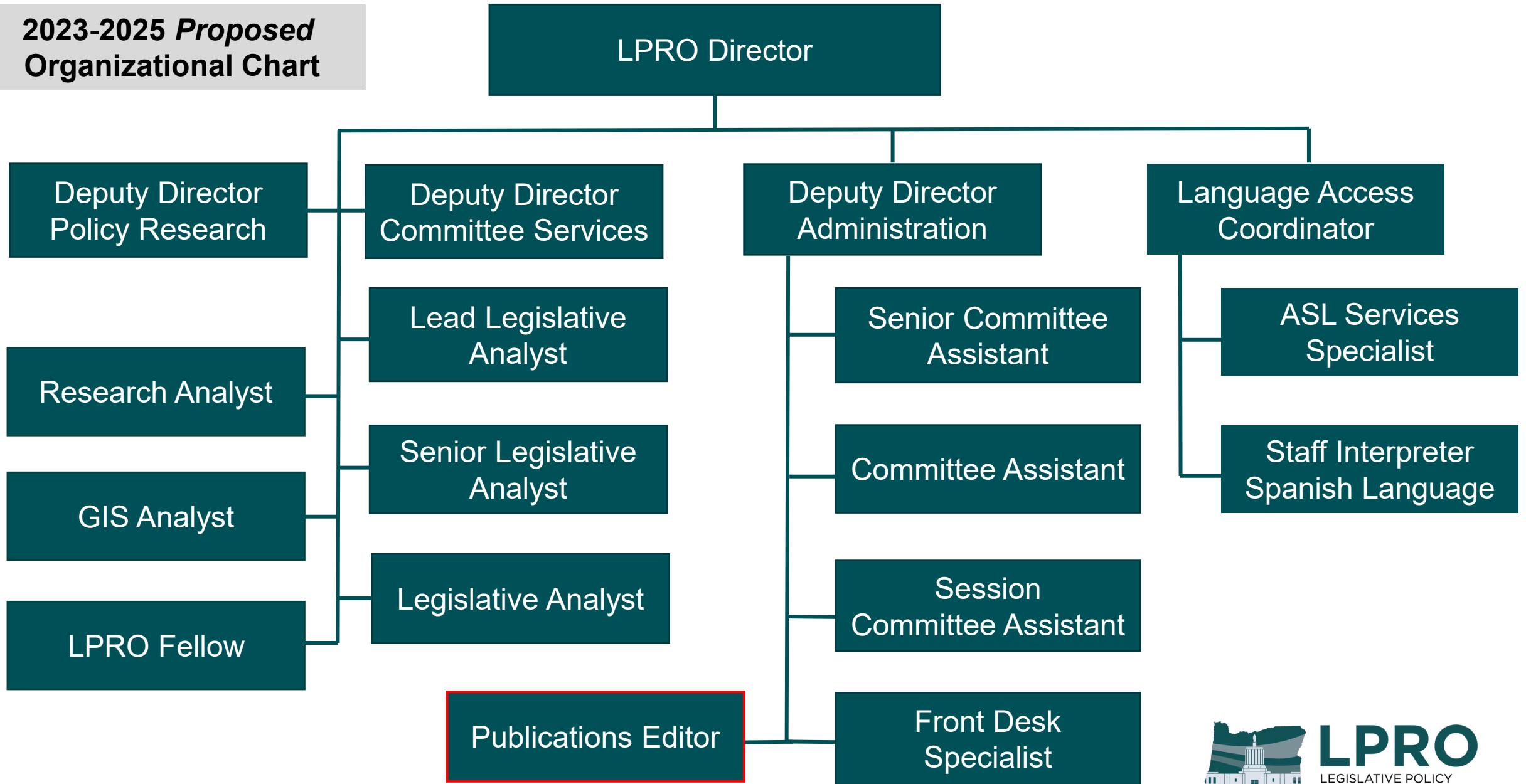
Nonpartisanship (**proposed*)

- Percent of customers rating their satisfaction with LPRO's ability to provide services on a fair, objective, and nonpartisan basis as "good" or "excellent."



2023-2025 Budget Request

**2023-2025 Proposed
Organizational Chart**



Red – requesting new position

Maintain Core Services 2023-2025

Additional Staffing Resources

Committees Services
One Senior Legislative Analyst
One Legislative Analyst

Language Access Services
One Spanish Interpreter
One American Sign Language Interpreter



**LPRO's
Core Work**



Policy Research & Analysis
One Senior Research Analyst

Administration
Publications Editor



Committee Services



Additional Staff

- **One** Senior Legislative Analyst
- **One** Legislative Analyst

Goal: ensure continuing expertise in critical policy areas

Specific areas currently understaffed:

- Housing
- Education
- Judiciary
- General government (state/federal, state/local, and state/tribal topics and emerging areas of regulation)
- Natural resources, agriculture, land use, water



Policy Area Team Staffing, Current and Additional Needs (Continuing Analysts)

Judiciary & Rules	Current	Needed	Natural Resources, Environment & Housing	Current	Needed
Civil Law	2	-	Energy & Environment	2	-
Criminal Law	1	1	Housing & Development	1	1
Rules & Conduct	2	-	Natural Resources, Agriculture, Land Use, Water	1	1
Business, Labor, Veterans & Transportation	Current	Needed	Health Care, Human Services & Education	Current	Needed
Business & Labor, Economic Development	2	-	Education	1	1
Transportation & I-5 Bridge	1	-	Health Care	2	-
Veterans, Emergency Management, General Government	1	1	Human Services	2	-



Policy Research and Analysis



Additional Staff

- Senior Research Analyst

Goal: continue delivering high quality, timely research in response to the growing number and complexity of requests from legislators, committees, task forces, and workgroups



Policy Research and Analysis Services



Document research — gather policy-relevant information by searching databases, professional and academic journals, books, government publications, and source material



Field research — engage with public officials, find unpublished reports or data, or interview individuals to gather contextual and historical information to understand policy issues



Legal research — review Oregon statutes, session laws, administrative rules, and prepare legislative histories on policies and statutory programs



Statistical analysis — use data to analyze specific policy issues



Data mapping — show how policies or their impacts may vary geographically



Conduct surveys — inform policy development and prioritization for task forces and workgroups

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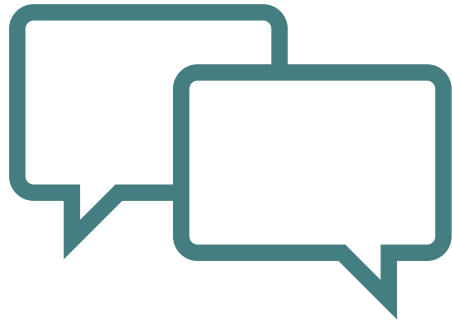
Additional Staff

- Publications Editor

Goal: ensure LPRO's increasing number of written and online materials receive thorough quality review before publishing



Language Access Services



Additional Staff

- **One** Staff Interpreter – Spanish language
- **One** Staff Interpreter – American Sign Language (ASL)

Goals: provide meaningful access to the legislative process for Oregonians with limited English proficiency; have the ability to quickly deploy a pair of interpreters well-versed in legislative vocabulary and processes



Thank You

Questions

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