

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 1109

Ordered by the Senate April 11
Including Senate Amendments dated April 11

Sponsored by Senators FREDERICK, WAGNER

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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act requires boards of schools and higher education to video record their meetings. The Act permits audio recording and posting in certain cases. The Act applies to meetings on or after 1/1/2025. The Act takes effect when signed. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.2).

[Digest: Tells ODE to do an audit of the tests given to kindergarteners. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.7).]

[Requires the Department of Education to conduct an audit of assessments administered to kindergarteners in public schools. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education not later than September 15, 2026.]

Requires specified boards of educational institutions to video record their governing meetings. Permits a board to post audio recordings of board governing meetings if the educational institution lacks broadband Internet access.

**Applies to board meetings occurring on or after January 1, 2025.
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to education; creating new provisions; amending section 2, chapter 47, Oregon Laws 2024;
3 and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 2, chapter 47, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 2.** (1) This section applies to any meeting of [*the governing body of*] the following [*public*
7 *bodies*]:

- 8 (a) **The board of directors of** a common or union high school district;
9 (b) **The board of directors of** an education service district;
10 (c) **The board of education of** a community college district; or
11 (d) **The board of trustees of** a public university described in ORS 352.002.

12 (2) A public body subject to this section must:

13 (a) Notwithstanding ORS 192.650, make a video recording of [*all of its meetings*] **the meetings**
14 **of the entity described in subsection (1) of this section that governs the public body**; and

15 (b) Within seven days following the meeting, post a video recording of the meeting on the public
16 body's website or social media site.

17 (3) If the facilities of the public body lack broadband Internet access, the public body may
18 comply with this section by posting **on the public body's website or social media site** an audio
19 recording of [*governing body*] meetings **of the entity described in subsection (1) of this section**
20 **that governs the public body** [*on the public body website or social media site*].

21 (4) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section do not apply to:

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.

- 1 (a) Any meeting or portion of a meeting that is conducted in executive session; or
- 2 (b) A school district with a resident average daily membership of less than 50 students.

3 **SECTION 2. The amendments to section 2, chapter 47, Oregon Laws 2024, by section 1**
4 **of this 2025 Act apply to meetings of the entities described in section 2, chapter 47, Oregon**
5 **Laws 2024, as amended by section 1 of this 2025 Act, occurring on or after January 1, 2025.**

6 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
7 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
8 **on its passage.**

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