



JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFERENDUM PETITION 2026-302

Committee Rules

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The 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.

1. **Officers.** The 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.
2. **Quorum.** 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. In the absence of a quorum, a co-chair may assign one or more members to receive testimony.
3. **Meetings.** 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. Meetings shall be open to the public.
4. **Subcommittees:** The Senate President and Speaker of the House may designate subcommittees as deemed necessary. The subcommittee members 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 subcommittee officers shall include a co-chair from each chamber appointed by the appointing authority.
5. **Recording.** 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 vote on official action; and
 - e. Any announcements of conflicts of interest.
6. **Committee Action.** The affirmative vote of a majority of the appointed members of each chamber of the Joint Committee is required to:
 - a. Cause a measure to be introduced by the committee.
 - b. Table a measure.

- c. Remove a measure from the table.
- d. Amend a measure.
- e. Report a measure to the floor of either chamber.
- f. Approve recommendations.

7. **Carry-Over Agendas.** In the event the committee does not complete the scheduled agenda, the items may be carried over to the next scheduled meeting with the following guidelines:

- a. The measure must have been initially scheduled within the time required under House and Senate rules.
- b. The measure must be carried over for the same type of meeting or that portion which was left unfinished upon adjournment.
- c. A co-chair announces in committee their intent to schedule the measure at the next meeting.
- d. A revised agenda listing the measures that originally received the notice required under House and Senate rules shall be posted as soon as possible following adjournment of the committee meeting.
- e. Measures that have had a work session and are waiting only for the fiscal/revenue review by the committee may be carried over until the impacts have been received at which time they may be taken up under a work session for final consideration in accordance with carryover provisions in House and Senate rules.

8. **Measure Introduction and Amendments.** Measures introduced by the committee at the request of any organization or person shall indicate the legislator, individual or organization interested in the measure by stating that the measure is introduced by the committee "at the request of [the legislator, individual or organization]." Amendments offered in committee shall bear the name of the legislator or the name of an individual, organization, or agency on whose behalf the amendment was requested.

9. **Off-Site Meetings.** 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.

10. **Field Trips.** A written summary of the committee's activities may be prepared in lieu of a recording of a meeting when the committee conducts a tour, inspection, or other similar activity outside the Capitol; provided, however, that a recording of the meeting and recording log must be made if any public hearing or work session is held. If a written summary is prepared, it shall be made available to the public within a reasonable time after the meeting.

11. **Amending the Rules.** 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.

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

PROPOSED

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