

House Bill 4002

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

Digest: The Act limits the number of measure requests that may be made of LC during long regular sessions to stated numbers. The Act sets forth exceptions to those limits. The Act takes effect when signed. (Flesch Readability Score: 76.5).

Limits to 25 the number of legislative measures that a member of the Legislative Assembly may ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year. Limits to 15 the number of legislative measures that a committee of the Legislative Assembly may ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year. Provides exceptions.

Limits to 200 the combined total number of legislative measures that the Governor and state agencies under the authority of the Governor may ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year. Provides exceptions. Limits to 15 the number of legislative measures that other statewide elected officials and the Judicial Department may each ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year.

Authorizes the Senate Rules Committee or the House Rules Committee to ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare additional measures on behalf of requesters. Authorizes the measure's requester to ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare an additional measure when the first legislative chamber passes or adopts a measure.

Applies to requests for legislative measures made for the 2027 regular session and subsequent odd-numbered year regular sessions.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to legislative measures; creating new provisions; amending ORS 173.130; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 173.130 is amended to read:

173.130. (1)(a) The Legislative Counsel shall prepare or assist in the preparation of legislative measures when requested to do so by a member or committee of the Legislative Assembly.

(b)(A) A member of the Legislative Assembly may not ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare more than 25 legislative measures for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year.

(B) A committee of the Legislative Assembly may not ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare more than 15 legislative measures for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year.

(c) The limitations of paragraph (b) of this subsection do not apply to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

(2)(a) Upon the written request of a state agency, the Legislative Counsel may prepare or assist in the preparation of legislative measures that have been approved for preparation in writing by the Governor or the Governor's designated representative. The Legislative Counsel may also prepare

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 or assist in the preparation of legislative measures that are requested in writing by the Judicial
 2 Department, the Governor, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General or the
 3 Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries. In accordance with ORS 283.110, the Legisla-
 4 tive Counsel may charge the agency or officer for the services performed.

5 **(b)(A) The Governor and state agencies may not ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare**
 6 **more than a combined total of 200 legislative measures for a regular session of the Legisla-**
 7 **tive Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year.**

8 **(B) The limit imposed by this paragraph does not include legislative measures requested**
 9 **by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to implement the fiscal recommen-**
 10 **dations of the Governor contained in the budget report of the Governor.**

11 **(C) As used in this subsection and subsection (3) of this section, “state agency” means**
 12 **a board, commission, department, division, office or other entity of the executive depart-**
 13 **ment, as that term is defined in ORS 174.112, but does not include a state agency subject to**
 14 **paragraph (c) or (d) of this subsection.**

15 **(c)(A) The Secretary of State may not ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare more than**
 16 **15 legislative measures for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an**
 17 **odd-numbered year.**

18 **(B) The State Treasurer may not ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare more than 15**
 19 **legislative measures for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an**
 20 **odd-numbered year.**

21 **(C) The Attorney General may not ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare more than 15**
 22 **legislative measures for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an**
 23 **odd-numbered year.**

24 **(D) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may not ask the Legislative**
 25 **Counsel to prepare more than 15 legislative measures for a regular session of the Legislative**
 26 **Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year.**

27 **(d) The Judicial Department, as defined in ORS 174.113, may not ask the Legislative**
 28 **Counsel to prepare more than 15 legislative measures for a regular session of the Legislative**
 29 **Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year.**

30 **(3) Notwithstanding the limit imposed by subsection (1) or (2) of this section, the Senate**
 31 **Committee on Rules or the House Committee on Rules may ask the Legislative Counsel to**
 32 **prepare additional measures on behalf of:**

33 **(a) A member or committee of the Legislative Assembly;**

34 **(b) The Governor or a state agency under the authority of the Governor;**

35 **(c) The Secretary of State;**

36 **(d) The State Treasurer;**

37 **(e) The Attorney General;**

38 **(f) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries; or**

39 **(g) The Judicial Department.**

40 **(4)(a) When the Senate passes or adopts a Senate measure or when the House of Repre-**
 41 **sentatives passes or adopts a House measure, the member or committee that requested the**
 42 **preparation of the measure may ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare another legislative**
 43 **measure. A measure prepared pursuant to this paragraph is not subject to any introduction**
 44 **deadline established by Senate rules, House rules or rules of proceeding established by joint**
 45 **or concurrent resolution.**

1 **(b) A vote on the reconsideration of a measure, a vote to concur in the amendments of**
2 **the other legislative chamber or a vote on conference committee amendments does not au-**
3 **thorize a requester to request the Legislative Counsel to prepare another legislative meas-**
4 **ure.**

5 [(3)] (5) The Legislative Counsel shall give such consideration to and service concerning any
6 measure or other legislative matter before the Legislative Assembly as is requested by the House
7 of Representatives, the Senate or any committee of the Legislative Assembly that has the measure
8 or other matter under consideration.

9 [(4)] (6) The Legislative Counsel, pursuant to the policies and directions of the Legislative
10 Counsel Committee and in conformity with any applicable rules of the House of Representatives or
11 Senate, shall perform or cause to be performed research service requested by any member or com-
12 mittee of the Legislative Assembly in connection with the performance of legislative functions. Re-
13 search assignments made by joint or concurrent resolution of the Legislative Assembly shall be
14 given priority over other research requests received by the Legislative Counsel. The research ser-
15 vice to be performed includes the administrative services incident to the accomplishment of the re-
16 search requests or assignments.

17 [(5)] (7) The Legislative Counsel shall give an opinion in writing upon any question of law in
18 which the Legislative Assembly or any member or committee of the Legislative Assembly may have
19 an interest when the Legislative Assembly or any member or committee of the Legislative Assembly
20 requests the opinion. Except as provided in [subsection (2)] **subsections (2) and (3)** of this section
21 and ORS 173.135, the Legislative Counsel shall not give opinions or provide other legal services to
22 persons or agencies other than the Legislative Assembly and members and committees of the Leg-
23 islative Assembly.

24 [(6)] (8) The Legislative Counsel may enter into contracts to carry out the functions of the
25 Legislative Counsel.

26 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 173.130 by section 1 of this 2026 Act apply to re-**
27 **quests for legislative measures for the 2027 regular session of the Legislative Assembly and**
28 **to requests for legislative measures for subsequent odd-numbered year regular sessions.**

29 **SECTION 3. This 2026 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
30 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2026 Act takes effect**
31 **on its passage.**
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