

House Bill 4021

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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 tells some agencies to use only some effective dates for rules. The Act changes the notice requirements for some agencies' rules. The Act tells some agencies to give the name of a person at the agency who knows about the agencies' rules on the website. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.5).

Requires certain agencies to make adoption, amendment or repeal of administrative rules effective only on January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1. Modifies notice requirements for rules adopted, amended or repealed by certain agencies.

Requires certain agencies to make available on the agency's website contact information for a person at the agency who is knowledgeable about each rule adopted, amended or repealed.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to administrative rules; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2026 Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter 183.

SECTION 2. (1) This section applies to the following agencies:

(a) The Department of Environmental Quality.

(b) The Department of Transportation.

(c) The Department of State Lands.

(d) The State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

(2)(a) For each rule adopted, amended or repealed by an agency listed in subsection (1) of this section, the agency shall specify an effective date of January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1.

(b) This subsection does not apply to adoption, amendment or suspension of a rule under ORS 183.335 (5).

(3) Notwithstanding ORS 183.335, prior to the adoption, amendment or repeal of any rule, an agency listed in subsection (1) of this section shall give notice of its intended action:

(a) In the manner established by rule adopted by the agency under ORS 183.341 (4), which provides a reasonable opportunity for interested persons to be notified of the agency's proposed action;

(b) In the bulletin referred to in ORS 183.360 at least 21 days prior to the date the rule is filed with the Secretary of State as provided in ORS 183.355;

(c) At least 28 days before the date the rule is filed with the Secretary of State as provided in ORS 183.355, to persons who have requested notice pursuant to ORS 183.335 (8); and

(d) Delivered only by electronic mail, at least 49 days before the date the rule is filed with

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the Secretary of State as provided in ORS 183.355, to the persons specified in ORS 183.335 (15).

SECTION 3. The following agencies shall make available on the agency's website contact information for a person at the agency who is knowledgeable about each rule adopted, amended or repealed by the agency:

(1) The Department of Environmental Quality.

(2) The Department of Transportation.

(3) The Department of State Lands.

(4) The State Department of Energy.

(5) The State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

SECTION 4. (1) Section 2 (2) of this 2026 Act applies to adoptions, amendments and repeals of rules with an effective date on or after January 1, 2027.

(2) Section 2 (3) of this 2026 Act applies to adoptions, amendments and repeals of rules for which an agency provides notice of intended action on or after the effective date of this 2026 Act.

SECTION 5. This 2026 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2026 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.