A close-up photograph of a frosted evergreen branch, likely a spruce or fir, with fine white frost coating the needles. The background is a soft-focus bokeh of warm, golden-yellow and light blue lights, creating a festive, winter atmosphere.

# Legislative Session 2025

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# AGENDA



- Legislative session
- Timeline
- Public Health Division Bills and Budget Requests
- Ways to engage

# Oregon legislative session

## Long session

- 160 days in odd-numbered years (2027, 2029, 2031)
- Two-year budget cycle is passed
- Can see thousands of bills introduced

## Short session

- 35 days in even-numbered years (2026, 2028, 2030)
- Limited number of bills introduced

# Legislative 2025 Schedule

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Jan 21 First day of session

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Mar 21 First chamber posting deadline\*

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Apr 8 First chamber work session deadline\*\*

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May 9 Second chamber posting deadline\*

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May 23 Second chamber work session deadline\*\*

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June 29 Constitutional Sine Die (last day of session)

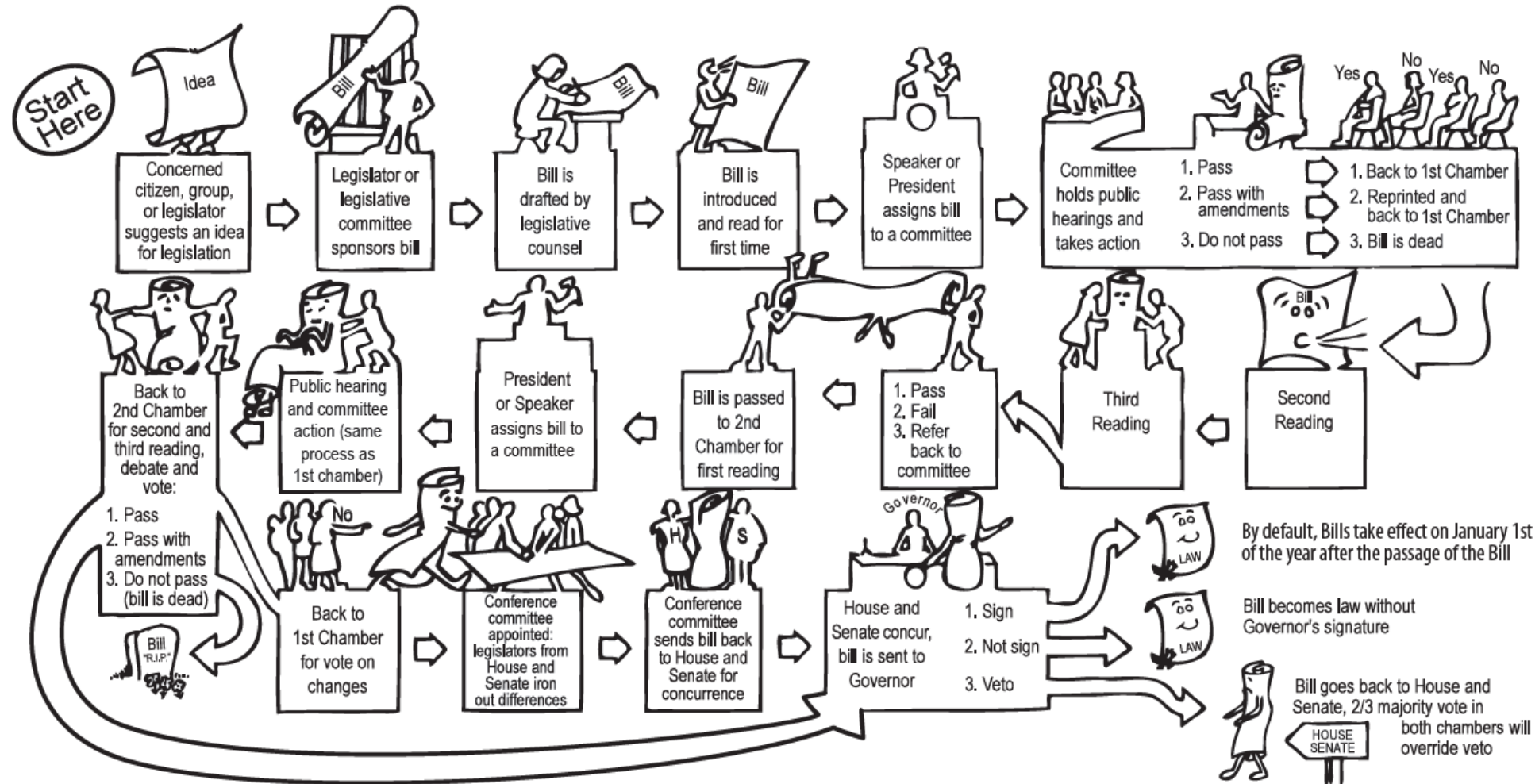
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\* Bills must be scheduled for a vote in committee by this date

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\*\* Bills must be voted on by a committee by this date

# Reminder: How a Bill Becomes a Law





# Legislative committees



Legislative Committees are where the majority of public policy work is done



Made up of small groups of legislators from both political parties



Committees are focused on specific topics



Committee members consider testimony from Oregon citizens during public hearings on a measure

# Public Health Division Bills

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[SB 837](#) – Expanding SERV-OR Activities and Membership

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[SB 841](#) – Sharing Health Data with Tribes

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[HB 2528](#) – Protecting Youth by Closing Tobacco Loopholes

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[SB 842](#) – Modernizing Hospital Oversight Fee Structure

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[SB 844](#) – Technical Fixes

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[HB 2937](#) – Modernizing Newborn Bloodspot Screening

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# Public Health Division Budget Requests

- POP 426, Ensuring High-Quality Care in Oregon Hospitals: \$999,997
- POP 415, Domestic Well Safety: \$3.2M
- POP 427, Protecting Youth by Closing Tobacco Law Loopholes: \$8.4M savings to General Fund



# Public Health Division Budget Requests

- POP 410, Public Health Modernization: \$2.0M
  - Makes investments to strengthen public health infrastructure
  - Builds on previous PHM investments totaling \$112M.

Tentative PHD budget hearing schedule:

PHD Ways and Means presentation

- Monday, February 17 PHD presentation
- **Wednesday, February 19 Public testimony**

# Ways to Engage

- Provide Testimony
  - Online registration opens when the public hearing is scheduled and closes 30 minutes before the meeting begins
  - In-person or remote
  - Written testimony must be submitted within 48 hours after the committee meeting starts
- Request a meeting
  - Find your legislators and district and reach out!
- Sign up to receive email updates, [Capitol e-Subscribe](#)

# Oregon Legislative Website

- Learn about the legislative process
- Find your legislators and contact them
- Watch meetings and hearings
- Access and track bills
- Learn how to provide testimony on bills
- <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/>



A close-up photograph of two hands, one wearing a red knitted glove and the other a white knitted glove, holding a heart shape formed by the fingers. The background is bright and out of focus.

# THANK YOU!

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