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Senate Bill 1502

Ordered by the Senate February 16
Including Senate Amendments dated February 16

Sponsored by Senator WAGNER, Representatives RUIZ, MCINTIRE; Senators SOLLMAN, THATCHER, WEBER
(Presession filed.)

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: Requires most public schools and college boards to video record their meetings and post the meeting recordings on their websites and social media sites. This does not apply if a meeting is private or if a school district is very small. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.7).

[Digest: Requires public schools and college boards to live stream their meetings and post the meeting recordings on their websites and social media sites. This does not apply if a meeting is private. Allows remote testimony for most school and college board meetings. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.7).]

[Requires the governing bodies of school districts, education service districts, community college districts and public universities to live stream governing body meetings, if technically practicable, and to post the recordings of the meetings on their official public body websites or social media sites. Excepts executive sessions. Requires educational institution governing bodies to also permit witnesses to testify via telephonic, electronic or virtual means if meetings also permit in-person oral testimony.]

Requires school districts, education service districts, community college districts and public universities to make video recordings of governing body meetings or, if the public body's facilities lack broadband Internet access, to make audio recordings, and to post the video or audio recordings, as applicable, of the meetings on their official public body websites or social media sites. Excepts executive sessions and does not apply to school districts with less than 50 students.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to public meetings of educational institution boards.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2024 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 192.610 to**
5 **192.705.**

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

8 (a) **A common or union high school district;**

9 (b) **An education service district;**

10 (c) **A community college district; or**

11 (d) **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; and**

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

16 (3) **If the facilities of the public body lack broadband Internet access, the public body may**
17 **comply with this section by posting an audio recording of governing body meetings on the**
18 **public body website or social media site.**

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 **(4) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section do not apply to:**
2 **(a) Any meeting or portion of a meeting that is conducted in executive session; or**
3 **(b) A school district with a resident average daily membership of less than 50 students.**

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