

HB 3883 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 4/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires a governing body of a public body to provide time for public comments at the beginning of every public meeting.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under Oregon's public meetings law, meetings of governing bodies are:

- open to the public;
- prohibited from being held at places where discrimination is "practiced;"
- held within the jurisdiction of the governing body;
- held at accessible meeting locations and provide interpreters for deaf or hard of hearing individuals, if requested;
- noticed for the time and place and with a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting; and,
- not held without at least 24 hours' notice to the members of the governing body, the news media that have requested notice, and the general public.

In addition, governing bodies must provide a sound, video, or digital recording or written minutes for all meetings. Executive sessions are permitted on certain matters, although no final action or decision can be made in an executive session. The law establishes requirements for meetings held by telephone or other electronic communication, and requires all meetings to provide, where reasonably possible, the opportunity for telephone or virtual attendance and for oral or written testimony by electronic or virtual means if in-person oral or written testimony is allowed.