

# House Bill 2006

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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. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.5).

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 400 the 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 25 the number of legislative measures that other statewide elected officials may ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year. Limits to 100 the number of legislative measures that the Judicial Department may ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to legislative measures; amending ORS 173.130.

**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) Notwithstanding the limits imposed by paragraph (b) of this subsection:**

**(A) The President of the Senate may authorize a member or committee of the Senate to ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare additional legislative measures for the member or committee.**

**(B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives may authorize a member or committee of the House of Representatives to ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare additional legislative measures for the member or committee.**

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

**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.

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

**(b)(A) The Governor and state agencies may not ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare more than a combined total of 400 legislative measures for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year.**

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

**(C) As used in this paragraph and paragraph (e) of this subsection, "state agency" means a board, commission, department, division, office or other entity of the executive department, as that term is defined in ORS 174.112, but does not include a state agency subject to paragraph (c) or (d) of this subsection.**

**(c)(A) The Secretary of State 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) The State Treasurer 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.**

**(C) The Attorney General 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.**

**(D) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries 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.**

**(d) The Judicial Department, as defined in ORS 174.113, may not ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare more than 100 legislative measures for a regular session of the Legislative Assembly that begins in an odd-numbered year.**

**(e) Notwithstanding the limit imposed by paragraph (b)(A) of this subsection, the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives may authorize the Governor and state agencies to ask the Legislative Counsel to prepare additional legislative measures for the Governor and state agencies.**

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

(4) The Legislative Counsel, pursuant to the policies and directions of the Legislative Counsel Committee and in conformity with any applicable rules of the House of Representatives or Senate, shall perform or cause to be performed research service requested by any member or committee of the Legislative Assembly in connection with the performance of legislative functions. Research assignments made by joint or concurrent resolution of the Legislative Assembly shall be given priority

over other research requests received by the Legislative Counsel. The research service to be performed includes the administrative services incident to the accomplishment of the research requests or assignments.

(5) The Legislative Counsel shall give an opinion in writing upon any question of law in which the Legislative Assembly or any member or committee of the Legislative Assembly may have an interest when the Legislative Assembly or any member or committee of the Legislative Assembly requests the opinion. Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section and ORS 173.135, the Legislative Counsel shall not give opinions or provide other legal services to persons or agencies other than the Legislative Assembly and members and committees of the Legislative Assembly.

(6) The Legislative Counsel may enter into contracts to carry out the functions of the Legislative Counsel.