# House Bill 3451

Sponsored by Representative DRAZAN

#### **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: Makes the head of ODE an elected position. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.8). Establishes the Superintendent of Public Instruction as a nonpartisan statewide elected office. Directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene the Oregon Parents Advisory Group to advise the superintendent on the operations of public elementary and secondary schools.

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Superintendent of Public Instruction; creating new provisions; amending ORS 171.130, 171.133, 171.735, 173.130, 176.350, 240.205, 244.042, 244.050, 249.002, 249.056, 249.215, 251.170, 254.005, 254.650, 258.036, 258.055, 258.150, 260.005, 260.076, 292.010, 292.311, 292.316, 292.430, 292.930, 326.555, 327.506, 339.331, 343.465, 343.499, 357.021, 418.979, 461.180 and 660.505 and section 1, chapter 113, Oregon Laws 2018, section 1, chapter 54, Oregon Laws 2024, and section 4, chapter 95, Oregon Laws 2024; and repealing ORS 326.300.

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

<u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Department of Education shall be under the control of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

- (2) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be elected by the electors of this state at the regular general election in the same manner as other state officers are elected. The term of office for the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall commence on the first Monday in January of the year succeeding the election. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall hold office for the term of four years, and until a successor is elected and qualified.
- (3) At any time when a vacancy may by any cause occur in the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Governor shall appoint a suitable person to be Superintendent of Public Instruction. The person appointed shall hold office until the next general election. When a vacancy occurs in the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction before the 61st day before the first general election to be held during that term of office, the remaining two years of the term of office shall be filled by the electors at the first general election.
  - SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on January 4, 2027.
- (2) The term of office prescribed by section 1 of this 2025 Act applies to any Superintendent of Public Instruction who takes office on or after January 4, 2027.
- SECTION 3. ORS 326.300 is repealed and section 4 of this 2025 Act is enacted in lieu thereof.
- SECTION 4. (1) The Superintendent of Public Instruction may appoint deputy superintendents of public instruction, for whose acts the superintendent shall be responsible. A deputy may perform any act or duty of the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction as

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- (2) Notice of the appointment of a deputy and the duties designated for the deputy shall be filed with the Secretary of State.
- SECTION 5. Section 4 of this 2025 Act and the repeal of ORS 326.300 by section 3 of this 2025 Act become operative on January 4, 2027.
  - <u>SECTION 6.</u> (1) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall convene the Oregon Parents Advisory Group. The purpose of the advisory group is to advise the Superintendent of Public Instruction on the operations of public elementary and secondary schools in this state.
- 10 (2) The advisory group convened under this section shall include the following nine 11 members:
  - (a) A representative from the region including Douglas, Jackson, Josephine and Klamath Counties.
  - (b) A representative from the region including Baker, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa Counties.
    - (c) A representative from Multnomah County.
    - (d) A representative from Washington County.
    - (e) A representative from Clackamas County.
  - (f) A representative from the region including Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Lincoln and Tillamook Counties.
- 21 (g) A representative from the region including Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and Wheeler 22 Counties.
  - (h) A representative from the region including Benton, Lane, Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties.
  - (i) A representative from the region including Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman and Wasco Counties.
    - (3) The advisory group shall meet at least six times each year.
    - **SECTION 7.** ORS 171.130 is amended to read:
  - 171.130. (1) At any time in advance of any regular or special session of the Legislative Assembly fixed by the Legislative Counsel Committee, or at any time in advance of a special session as may be fixed by joint rules of both houses of the Legislative Assembly, the following may file a proposed legislative measure with the Legislative Counsel:
    - (a) Members who will serve in the session and members-elect.
  - (b) Interim and statutory committees of the Legislative Assembly.
  - (2) On or before December 15 of an even-numbered year, or at any time in advance of a special session as may be fixed by joint rules of both houses of the Legislative Assembly, the following may file a proposed legislative measure with the Legislative Counsel:
  - (a) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services, to implement the fiscal recommendations of the Governor contained in the Governor's budget.
    - (b) The person who will serve as Governor during the session.
  - (c) The Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General, [and] the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
    - (d) The Judicial Department.
  - (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, a statewide elected official who initially assumes office in January of an odd-numbered year may submit proposed measures for introduction

- by members or committees of the Legislative Assembly until the calendar day designated by rules of either house of the Legislative Assembly. The exemption granted by this subsection to a newly elected Governor does not apply to state agencies in the executive branch.
- (4) On or before December 15 of an even-numbered year, a state agency may file a proposed legislative measure with the Legislative Counsel through a member or committee of the Legislative Assembly.
- (5) The Legislative Counsel shall order each measure filed pursuant to subsections (1) to (4) of this section prepared for printing and may order the measure printed. If the person filing a measure specifically requests in writing that the measure be made available for distribution, the Legislative Counsel shall order the measure printed and shall make copies of the printed measure available for distribution before the beginning of the session to members and members-elect and to others upon request.
- (6) Copies of all measures filed and prepared for printing or printed pursuant to this section shall be forwarded by the Legislative Counsel to the chief clerk of the house designated by the person filing the measure for introduction.
- (7) The costs of carrying out this section shall be paid out of the money appropriated for the expenses of that session of the Legislative Assembly for which the measure is to be printed.
- (8) The Legislative Counsel Committee may adopt rules or policies to accomplish the purpose of this section.
- (9) This section does not affect any law or any rule of the Legislative Assembly or either house thereof relating to the introduction of legislative measures.
- **SECTION 8.** ORS 171.133, as amended by section 82, chapter 281, Oregon Laws 2023, is amended to read:
- 171.133. (1) A state agency shall not cause a bill or measure to be introduced before the Legislative Assembly if the bill or measure has not been approved by the Governor.
- (2) As used in ORS 171.130 and this section, "state agency" means every state agency whose costs are paid wholly or in part from funds held in the State Treasury, except:
  - (a) The Legislative Assembly, the courts and their officers and committees; and
- (b) The Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General, [and] the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**SECTION 9.** ORS 171.735 is amended to read:

- 171.735. ORS 171.740 and 171.745 do not apply to the following persons:
- (1) News media, or their employees or agents, that in the ordinary course of business directly or indirectly urge legislative action but that engage in no other activities in connection with the legislative action.
  - (2) Any legislative official acting in an official capacity.
- (3) Any individual who does not receive compensation or reimbursement of expenses for lobbying, who limits lobbying activities solely to formal appearances to give testimony before public sessions of committees of the Legislative Assembly, or public hearings of state agencies, and who, when testifying, registers an appearance in the records of the committees or agencies.
  - (4) A person who does not:

- (a) Agree to provide personal services for money or any other consideration for the purpose of lobbying;
  - (b) Spend more than an aggregate amount of 24 hours during any calendar quarter lobbying; and
  - (c) Spend an aggregate amount in excess of \$100 lobbying during any calendar quarter.

(5) The Governor, chief of staff for the Governor, deputy chief of staff for the Governor, legal counsel to the Governor, deputy legal counsel to the Governor, Secretary of State, Deputy Secretary of State appointed pursuant to ORS 177.040, State Treasurer, Deputy State Treasurer appointed pursuant to ORS 178.060, chief of staff for the office of the State Treasurer, Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General appointed pursuant to ORS 180.130, [Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction appointed pursuant to ORS 326.300,] Superintendent of Public Instruction, deputy superintendents of public instruction appointed pursuant to section 4 of this 2025 Act, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, deputy commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries appointed pursuant to ORS 651.060, members and staff of the Oregon Law Commission who conduct the law revision program of the commission or any judge.

## SECTION 10. ORS 173.130 is amended to read:

- 173.130. (1) 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.
- (2) 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 or the Superintendent of Public Instruction. In accordance with ORS 283.110, the Legislative Counsel may charge the agency or officer for the services performed.
- (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.

#### **SECTION 11.** ORS 176.350 is amended to read:

- 176.350. (1) The Racial Justice Council is created within the Office of the Governor.
- (2) The membership of the council consists of the Governor, as chairperson, and no more than 40 additional members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor, subject to the

1 following requirements:

- (a) Each member must have a demonstrated commitment to racial equity, social and economic justice and diversity and inclusion;
- (b) Each member must have connections to, or experience working with, historically underserved communities, particularly tribal communities, immigrants, refugees and communities of Black or Indigenous people or other people of color;
- (c) Each member must have personal or professional experience and knowledge in public policy, criminal justice reform, police accountability, economic opportunity, housing, homelessness, health equity, behavioral health, education or research; and
- (d) Appointments to the council must be made to ensure representation of the racial, gender and geographical diversity of Oregon.
- (3) The Governor may assign one or more members to serve as a liaison between the council and the advocacy commissions.
- (4)(a) The Governor shall establish committees to address policies of interest to the council. A committee may address multiple policy areas.
- (b) The Governor shall appoint each council member to at least one committee. The Governor may appoint additional individuals who are not members of the council to serve as voting or non-voting members of a committee, provided that:
- (A) Public officials who serve in the legislative or judicial branch may serve only as nonvoting members of a committee; and
- (B) Members of the Legislative Assembly may serve on a committee only if the committee includes an equal number of members from each chamber of the Legislative Assembly.
- (c) Committees shall report to the council. The council shall approve or disapprove recommendations of a committee.
- (d) Appointments to each committee must be made to ensure representation of the racial, gender and geographical diversity of Oregon.
- (5) The term of a member of the council is two years. Members are eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.
- (6) Members of the council are not entitled to compensation under ORS 292.495. The chair, in the chair's discretion, may reimburse members of the council as provided in ORS 292.495 for actual and necessary travel or other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the council.
  - (7) Official action by the council requires modified consensus of the members of the council.
  - (8) The council shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson.
- (9) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the council in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the council considers necessary to perform its duties.
- (10) At least once per year, the council shall report to the Legislative Assembly, the Secretary of State, the Bureau of Labor and Industries, the State Treasurer, [and] the Attorney General and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The report must describe strategies designed to institutionalize racial justice into the conduct of state business and may include other matters pertinent to dismantling systemic and institutional racism.

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(11) As used in this section:

- (a) "Advocacy commission" means the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, the Commission on Black Affairs and the Commission on Hispanic Affairs.
- (b) "Racial justice" means systematic fair treatment of people of all races that results in equitable opportunities and outcomes for all people.

## **SECTION 12.** ORS 240.205 is amended to read:

- 240.205. The unclassified service shall comprise:
- (1) One executive officer and one secretary for each board or commission, the members of which are elected officers or are appointed by the Governor.
- (2) The director of each department of state government, each full-time salaried head of a state agency required by law to be appointed by the Governor and each full-time salaried member of a board or commission required by law to be appointed by the Governor.
- (3) The administrator of each division within a department of state government required by law to be appointed by the director of the department with the approval of the Governor.
- (4) Principal assistants and deputies and one private secretary for each executive or administrative officer specified in ORS 240.200 (1) and in subsections (1) to (3) of this section. "Deputy" means the deputy or deputies to an executive or administrative officer listed in subsections (1) to (3) of this section who is authorized to exercise that officer's authority upon absence of the officer. "Principal assistant" means a manager of a major agency organizational component who reports directly to an executive or administrative officer listed in subsections (1) to (3) of this section or deputy and who is designated as such by that executive or administrative officer with the approval of the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.
- (5) Employees in the Governor's office and the principal assistant and private secretary in the Secretary of State's division.
  - (6) The director, principals, instructors and teachers in the school operated under ORS 346.010.
  - (7) Apprentice trainees only during the prescribed length of their course of training.
- (8) Licensed physicians and dentists employed in their professional capacities and student nurses, interns, and patient or adult in custody help in state institutions.
  - (9) Lawyers employed in their professional capacities.
  - (10) All members of the Oregon State Police appointed under ORS 181A.050.
- [(11) The Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction appointed under ORS 326.300 and associate superintendents in the Department of Education.]

## (11) Deputy superintendents of public instruction appointed under section 4 of this 2025 Act and assistant superintendents in the Department of Education.

- (12) Temporary seasonal farm laborers engaged in single phases of agricultural production or harvesting.
- (13) Any individual employed and paid from federal funds received under a federal program intended primarily to alleviate unemployment. However, persons employed under this subsection shall be treated as classified employees for purposes of ORS 243.650 to 243.809.
- (14) Managers, department heads, directors, producers and announcers of the state radio and television network.
- 41 (15) Employees, including managers, of the foreign trade offices of the Oregon Business Devel-42 opment Department located outside the country.
  - (16) Any other position designated by law as unclassified.
- **SECTION 13.** ORS 244.042 is amended to read:
- 45 244.042. (1) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, a public official may

not solicit or receive, whether directly or indirectly, honoraria for the public official or any member of the household of the public official if the honoraria are solicited or received in connection with the official duties of the public official.

- (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a candidate may not solicit or receive, whether directly or indirectly, honoraria for the candidate or any member of the household of the candidate if the honoraria are solicited or received in connection with the official duties of the public office for which the person is a candidate.
  - (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, this section does not prohibit:
- (a) The solicitation or receipt of an honorarium or a certificate, plaque, commemorative token or other item with a value of \$50 or less; or
- (b) The solicitation or receipt of an honorarium for services performed in relation to the private profession, occupation, avocation or expertise of the public official or candidate.
- (4)(a) The Governor, First Partner, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, [and] Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries and Superintendent of Public Instruction may not solicit or receive an honorarium, money or any other consideration, as defined in ORS 171.725, for any speaking engagement or presentation.
- (b) This subsection does not prevent a public official listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection from receiving any food, beverage, travel or lodging expenses otherwise authorized by this chapter for a speaking engagement or presentation.

## SECTION 14. ORS 244.050 is amended to read:

- 244.050. (1) On or before April 15 of each year the following persons shall file with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission a verified statement of economic interest as required under this chapter:
- (a) The Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, **Superintendent of Public Instruction**, district attorneys and members of the Legislative Assembly.
- (b) Any judicial officer, including justices of the peace and municipal judges, except any pro tem judicial officer who does not otherwise serve as a judicial officer.
  - (c) Any candidate for a public office designated in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection.
  - (d) The Deputy Attorney General.
- (e) The Deputy Secretary of State.
- (f) The Legislative Administrator, the Legislative Counsel, the Legislative Fiscal Officer, the Legislative Policy and Research Director, the Secretary of the Senate, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Legislative Equity Officer.
- 35 (g) The president and vice presidents, or their administrative equivalents, in each public uni-36 versity listed in ORS 352.002.
  - (h) The following state officers:
  - (A) Adjutant General.

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- 39 (B) Director of Agriculture.
- 40 (C) Manager of State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation.
- 41 (D) Water Resources Director.
  - (E) Director of the Department of Environmental Quality.
- 43 (F) Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.
- 44 (G) State Fish and Wildlife Director.
- 45 (H) State Forester.

- 1 (I) State Geologist.
- 2 (J) Director of Human Services.
- 3 (K) Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.
- 4 (L) Director of the Department of State Lands.
- 5 (M) State Librarian.
- 6 (N) Administrator of the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission.
- 7 (O) Superintendent of State Police.
- 8 (P) Director of the Public Employees Retirement System.
- 9 (Q) Director of Department of Revenue.
- 10 (R) Director of Transportation.
- 11 (S) Public Utility Commissioner.
- 12 (T) Director of Veterans' Affairs.
- 13 (U) Executive director of Oregon Government Ethics Commission.
- 14 (V) Director of the State Department of Energy.
- 15 (W) Director and each assistant director of the Oregon State Lottery.
- 16 (X) Director of the Department of Corrections.
- 17 (Y) Director of the Oregon Department of Aviation.
- 18 (Z) Executive director of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.
- 19 (AA) Director of the Oregon Business Development Department.
- 20 (BB) Director of the Oregon Department of Emergency Management.
- 21 (CC) Director of the Employment Department.
- 22 (DD) State Fire Marshal.
- 23 (EE) Chief of staff for the Governor.
- 24 (FF) Director of the Housing and Community Services Department.
- 25 (GG) State Court Administrator.
- 26 (HH) Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development.
- 27 (II) Board chairperson of the Land Use Board of Appeals.
- 28 (JJ) State Marine Director.
- 29 (KK) Executive director of the Oregon Racing Commission.
- 30 (LL) State Parks and Recreation Director.
- 31 (MM) Executive director of the Oregon Public Defense Commission.
- 32 (NN) Chairperson of the Public Employees' Benefit Board.
- 33 (OO) Director of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.
- 34 (PP) Executive director of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.
- 35 (QQ) Executive director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.
- 36 (RR) Director of the Oregon Youth Authority.
- 37 (SS) Director of the Oregon Health Authority.
- 38 [(TT) Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction.]
- 39 (i) The First Partner, the legal counsel, the deputy legal counsel and all policy advisors within 40 the Governor's office.
- 41 (j) Every elected city or county official.
- 42 (k) Every member of a city or county planning, zoning or development commission.
- 43 (L) The chief executive officer of a city or county who performs the duties of manager or prin-44 cipal administrator of the city or county.
- 45 (m) Members of local government boundary commissions formed under ORS 199.410 to 199.519.

- 1 (n) Every member of a governing body of a metropolitan service district and the auditor and executive officer thereof.
  - (o) Each member of the board of directors of the State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation.
- 4 (p) The chief administrative officer and the financial officer of each common and union high school district, education service district and community college district.
- 6 (q) Every member of the following state boards, commissions and councils:
- 7 (A) Governing board of the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.
- 8 (B) Oregon Business Development Commission.
- 9 (C) State Board of Education.

- 10 (D) Environmental Quality Commission.
- 11 (E) Fish and Wildlife Commission of the State of Oregon.
- 12 (F) State Board of Forestry.
- 13 (G) Oregon Government Ethics Commission.
- 14 (H) Oregon Health Policy Board.
- 15 (I) Oregon Investment Council.
- 16 (J) Land Conservation and Development Commission.
- 17 (K) Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission.
- 18 (L) Oregon Short Term Fund Board.
- 19 (M) State Marine Board.
- 20 (N) Mass transit district boards.
- 21 (O) Energy Facility Siting Council.
- 22 (P) Board of Commissioners of the Port of Portland.
- 23 (Q) Employment Relations Board.
- 24 (R) Public Employees Retirement Board.
- 25 (S) Oregon Racing Commission.
- 26 (T) Oregon Transportation Commission.
- 27 (U) Water Resources Commission.
- 28 (V) Workers' Compensation Board.
- 29 (W) Oregon Facilities Authority.
- 30 (X) Oregon State Lottery Commission.
- 31 (Y) Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council.
- 32 (Z) Columbia River Gorge Commission.
- 33 (AA) Oregon Health and Science University Board of Directors.
- 34 (BB) Capitol Planning Commission.
- 35 (CC) Higher Education Coordinating Commission.
- 36 (DD) Oregon Growth Board.
- 37 (EE) Early Learning Council.
- 38 (FF) The Oversight and Accountability Council.
- 39 (r) The following officers of the State Treasurer:
- 40 (A) Deputy State Treasurer.
- 41 (B) Chief of staff for the office of the State Treasurer.
- 42 (C) Director of the Investment Division.
- 43 (s) Every member of the board of commissioners of a port governed by ORS 777.005 to 777.725
- 44 or 777.915 to 777.953.
- 45 (t) Every member of the board of directors of an authority created under ORS 441.525 to 441.595.

- (u) Every member of a governing board of a public university listed in ORS 352.002.
- (v) Every member of the district school board of a common school district or union high school district.
- (w) Every member of the board of directors of an authority created under ORS 465.600 to 465.621.
- (2) By April 15 next after the date an appointment takes effect, every appointed public official on a board or commission listed in subsection (1) of this section shall file with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission a statement of economic interest as required under ORS 244.060, 244.070 and 244.090.
- (3) By April 15 next after the filing deadline for the primary election, each candidate described in subsection (1) of this section shall file with the commission a statement of economic interest as required under ORS 244.060, 244.070 and 244.090.
- (4) Not later than the 40th day before the date of the statewide general election, each candidate described in subsection (1) of this section who will appear on the statewide general election ballot and who was not required to file a statement of economic interest under subsections (1) to (3) of this section shall file with the commission a statement of economic interest as required under ORS 244.060, 244.070 and 244.090.
- (5) Subsections (1) to (3) of this section apply only to persons who are incumbent, elected or appointed public officials as of April 15 and to persons who are candidates on April 15.
- (6) If a statement required to be filed under this section has not been received by the commission within five days after the date the statement is due, the commission shall notify the public official or candidate and give the public official or candidate not less than 15 days to comply with the requirements of this section. If the public official or candidate fails to comply by the date set by the commission, the commission may impose a civil penalty as provided in ORS 244.350.

## SECTION 15. ORS 249.002 is amended to read:

249.002. As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Candidate" means an individual whose name is or is expected to be printed on the official ballot or a write-in candidate.
  - (2) "County clerk" means the county clerk or the county official in charge of elections.
- (3) "Elector" means an individual qualified to vote under Article II, section 2, Oregon Constitution.
- 32 (4) "Judge" means judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, circuit court or the Oregon 33 Tax Court.
  - (5) "Member" means an individual who is registered as being affiliated with the political party.
  - (6) "Minor political party" means a political party that has qualified as a minor political party under ORS 248.008.
  - (7) "Nonpartisan office" means the office of judge, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, **Superintendent of Public Instruction**, any elected office of a metropolitan service district under ORS chapter 268, justice of the peace, county clerk, county assessor, county surveyor, county treasurer, county judge who exercises judicial functions, sheriff, district attorney or any office designated nonpartisan by a home rule charter.
  - (8) "Prospective petition" means the information, except signatures and other identification of petition signers, required to be contained in a completed petition.
  - (9) "Public office" means any national, state, county, city or district office or position, except a political party office, filled by the electors.

(10) "State office" means Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, **Superintendent of Public Instruction**, judge, state Senator, state Representative or district attorney.

## **SECTION 16.** ORS 249.056 is amended to read:

- 249.056. (1) At the time of filing a declaration of candidacy a candidate for the following offices shall pay to the officer with whom the declaration is filed the following fee:
  - (a) United States Senator, \$150.

- (b) Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, **Superintendent of Public Instruction**, Representative in Congress, judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals or Oregon Tax Court, or executive officer or auditor of a metropolitan service district, \$100.
- (c) County officer, district attorney, county judge who exercises judicial functions or circuit court judge, \$50.
- (d) State Senator or Representative or councilor of a metropolitan service district under ORS chapter 268, \$25.
- (2) No filing fee shall be required of persons filing a declaration of candidacy for precinct committeeperson or justice of the peace.

### **SECTION 17.** ORS 249.215 is amended to read:

- 249.215. (1) If a vacancy occurs in a state office before the 61st day before the first general election to be held during that term of office, the remaining two years of the term of the state office shall be filled by the electors at that general election.
- (2) The remaining two years of the term of the state office shall commence on the second Monday in January following the general election. Any appointment made to fill the vacancy shall expire when a successor to the office is elected and qualified.
- (3) Candidates for the remaining two years of the term of the state office under this section shall be nominated as provided in this chapter, with major political parties following the procedure set forth in ORS 249.200, except as follows:
- (a) A minor political party, by party rule, or an assembly of electors or individual electors, may select a nominee; and
- (b) The Secretary of State shall accept certificates of nomination and notifications of nominees filed with the secretary pursuant to a schedule for filing set by the secretary, but in any case not later than the 62nd day before the first general election.
- (4) As used in this section, "state office" means the office of Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, [and] Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries and Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- **SECTION 18.** ORS 251.170, as amended by section 3, chapter 55, Oregon Laws 2024, and section 1, chapter 56, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:
- 251.170. (1) The translation of a state voters' pamphlet or county voters' pamphlet required under ORS 251.167 shall be made in the manner described in this section.
- (2) For each state voters' pamphlet and county voters' pamphlet mailed to residents of a county, the Secretary of State shall have the following portions of the voters' pamphlet professionally translated into each language for which a translation is required under ORS 251.167:
- (a) Any official statement or communication made by the Secretary of State, county clerk, filing office or other public elections official, including any information described in ORS 251.026 or 251.315 (1)(a) to (d) and (g) and any other information regarding services offered by elections offices,

- how to cast a ballot and key dates for the election; 1
  - (b) The ballot title for each measure;

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- (c) The explanatory statement for each measure;
- (d) The financial estimate for each measure and any statement prepared for a measure under 4 ORS 250.125; 5
  - (e) Any racial and ethnic impact statement prepared for a measure under ORS 137.685;
  - (f) Any statement submitted for a measure by a citizen panel under ORS 250.141; and
- (g) Except an argument for a measure prepared by the Legislative Assembly under ORS 251.245, 9 any other statement for a measure created by a public body as defined in ORS 174.109.
  - (3) In addition to the materials that the Secretary of State is required to have professionally translated under subsection (2) of this section, the Secretary of State shall allow to be included in the translated version of each state voters' pamphlet that is made available on the website of the Secretary of State or of a county under ORS 251.167:
    - (a) Translations of a candidate statement submitted under ORS 251.065, provided that:
  - (A) The candidate is a candidate for federal or statewide office;
  - (B) The translation is filed by a candidate or the agent of a candidate described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;
  - (C) Neither the translation nor the candidate statement submitted under ORS 251.065 is rejected under ORS 251.055;
  - (D) The candidate statement meets the requirements of a candidate statement set forth in this chapter; and
  - (E) Any translation filed under this paragraph is in one of the 10 most commonly spoken languages in this state or of any county the office represents, other than English, as listed by the Secretary of State under ORS 251.167.
  - (b) Translations of an argument in support of or in opposition to a state measure filed under ORS 251.255, provided that:
  - (A) The translation is filed by the person who filed the argument in support of or in opposition to a state measure under ORS 251.255;
  - (B) Neither the translation nor the argument in support of or in opposition to a state measure filed under ORS 251.255 is rejected under ORS 251.055;
  - (C) The statement in support of or in opposition to a state measure meets the requirements of a statement in support of or in opposition to a state measure set forth in this chapter; and
  - (D) Any translation filed under this paragraph is in one of the 10 most commonly spoken languages in this state or of any county in which the measure will be voted on, other than English, as listed by the Secretary of State under ORS 251.167.
  - (c) Translations of any argument for a measure prepared by the Legislative Assembly under ORS 251.245 submitted by the Legislative Assembly, provided that any translation filed under this paragraph is in one of the 10 most commonly spoken languages in this state or of any county in which the measure will be voted on, other than English, as listed by the Secretary of State under ORS 251.167.
  - (4)(a) A translation that is permitted or required under this section is not required to be identical in words to the original version but must be consistent with the meaning of the original ver-
  - (b) A translation is not subject to any limitations on the number of words allowed set forth in this chapter.

- (5) A county may at its own expense make or accept for publication on the county's website, 1 2 as part of a translated voters' pamphlet required under ORS 251.167, any portion of a state or county voters' pamphlet that is not described in this section. 3
  - (6) The Secretary of State:

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- (a) May adopt any rules necessary to implement this section; and
- (b) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, is responsible for all costs necessary to comply with this section.
- (7) As used in this section, "statewide office" means Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, Superintendent of Public Instruction, or judge on the Oregon Supreme Court, the Oregon Court of Appeals or the Oregon Tax Court.
  - SECTION 19. ORS 254.005 is amended to read:
- 13 254.005. As used in this chapter:
  - (1) "Ballot" means any material on which votes may be cast for candidates or measures. In the case of a recall election, "ballot" includes material posted in a voting compartment or delivered to an elector by mail.
    - (2) "Chief elections officer" means the:
  - (a) Secretary of State, regarding a candidate for a state office or an office to be voted on in the state at large or in a congressional district, or a measure to be voted on in the state at large.
  - (b) County clerk, regarding a candidate for a county office, or a measure to be voted on in a county only.
- 22 (c) City clerk, auditor or recorder, regarding a candidate for a city office, or a measure to be voted on in a city only.
  - (3) "County clerk" means the county clerk or the county official in charge of elections.
- 25 (4) "Elector" means an individual qualified to vote under section 2, Article II, Oregon Constitution. 26
  - (5) "Major political party" means a political party that has qualified as a major political party under ORS 248.006.
  - (6) "Measure" includes any of the following submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at an election:
    - (a) A proposed law.
- (b) An Act or part of an Act of the Legislative Assembly. 32
- (c) A revision of or amendment to the Oregon Constitution. 33
  - (d) Local, special or municipal legislation.
  - (e) A proposition or question.
- (7) "Minor political party" means a political party that has qualified as a minor political party 36 under ORS 248.008.
  - (8) "Nonpartisan office" means the office of judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, circuit court or the Oregon Tax Court, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, Superintendent of Public Instruction, any elected office of a metropolitan service district under ORS chapter 268, justice of the peace, county clerk, county assessor, county surveyor, county treasurer, county judge who exercises judicial functions, sheriff, district attorney or any office designated nonpartisan by a home rule charter.
  - (9) "Prospective petition" means the information, except signatures and other identification of petition signers, required to be contained in a completed petition.

- (10) "Regular district election" means the election held each year for the purpose of electing members of a district board as defined in ORS 255.005 (2).
- (11) "Vote tally system" means one or more pieces of equipment necessary to examine and tally automatically the marked ballots.
- (12) "Voting machine" means any device that will record every vote cast on candidates and measures and that will either internally or externally total all votes cast on that device.

## SECTION 20. ORS 254.650 is amended to read:

- 254.650. (1) If the Secretary of State determines that a vacancy exists in the nomination of a candidate of a major political party for state office, that the vacancy is due to the death of the candidate and that the vacancy occurred after the 47th day before the date of the general election:
  - (a) The election for that state office may not be held at the general election;
- (b) The county clerks may not count ballots cast for candidates for that state office at the general election; and
  - (c) The Secretary of State shall order a special election as provided in ORS 254.655.
  - (2) The candidates listed on the ballot at the special election shall be:
- (a) The candidates who were listed on the general election ballot, other than the candidate whose nomination became vacant; and
- (b) The candidate selected to fill the vacancy in the nomination as provided in ORS 249.190 or 249.205.
- (3) As used in this section "state office" means the office of Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, **Superintendent of Public Instruction**, state Senator or state Representative.

#### **SECTION 21.** ORS 258.036 is amended to read:

- 258.036. (1) Not later than the 40th day after the election or the seventh day after completion of a recount of votes cast in connection with the election, any person authorized to contest a result of the election may file a petition of contest. The petition shall be filed with:
- (a) The Circuit Court for Marion County if the petition involves a state measure, a candidate for election to the office of elector of President and Vice President of the United States or a candidate for nomination or election to the office of United States Senator, United States Representative in Congress, Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, **Superintendent of Public Instruction** or a position of judge on the Oregon Supreme Court, the Oregon Court of Appeals or the Oregon Tax Court.
- (b) The circuit court for the county where a majority of the electors in the electoral district reside if the petition involves a candidate for nomination or election to the office of state Senator, state Representative, circuit court judge or district attorney.
- (c) The circuit court for the county in which the filing officer is located if the petition involves a candidate for nomination or election to county, city or district office or a county, city or district measure. If a district is located in more than one county, the petition shall be filed with the circuit court for the county in which the administrative office of the district is located.
- (d) The circuit court for the county in which the filing officer authorized to order the recall election is located if the petition involves the recall of a public officer.
- (2) The petition shall be verified in the manner required for verification of complaints in civil cases and shall specify:

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- (a) The cause of the contest; and
- (b) The names of all contestees.

#### **SECTION 22.** ORS 258.055 is amended to read:

258.055. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, when a contestant files a petition of contest with the circuit court described under ORS 258.036, the contestant shall, within three business days of filing the petition, publish a notice stating that the petition has been filed and identifying the date of the deadline described in this subsection for filing a motion to intervene. The notice must be published at least once in the next available issue of a newspaper of general circulation published in the county where the proceeding is pending. Jurisdiction over the election contest shall be complete within 10 days after the notice is published as provided in this subsection. Any person interested may at any time before the expiration of the 10 days appear and contest the validity of the proceeding, or of any of the acts or things enumerated in the proceeding.

- (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply if the contest involves:
- (a) A state measure.

- (b) The election of a candidate to the office of elector of President and Vice President of the United States.
- (c) The nomination or election of a candidate to the office of United States Senator, United States Representative in Congress, Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, **Superintendent of Public Instruction** or a position of judge on the Oregon Supreme Court, the Oregon Court of Appeals or the Oregon Tax Court.
- (d) The recall of a person from the office of Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, **Superintendent of Public Instruction** or a position of judge on the Oregon Supreme Court, the Oregon Court of Appeals or the Oregon Tax Court.
- (3) Not later than two business days after the contestant files a petition of contest with the circuit court, the contestant shall serve a copy of the petition by certified mail on each contestee. If the Secretary of State or county clerk is not a contestee, not later than one business day after the contestant files a petition of contest with the circuit court, the contestant shall file a copy of the petition with:
- (a) The Secretary of State if the petition involves a candidate for state office, the recall of a person from state office or a state measure; or
- (b) The county clerk if the petition involves a candidate for county, city or district office, the recall of a person from county, city or district office or a county, city or district measure. As used in this paragraph, "county clerk" includes the county clerk of the county in which the administrative office of a city or district is located regarding a measure, a recall or a candidate for an office to be voted on in a city or district located in more than one county.
- (4) The circuit court shall fix a time for the hearing by the circuit court of the contest proceeding, and not later than the fifth day before the hearing shall give written notice of the hearing to each party to the proceeding. In fixing the time for the hearing, the court shall consider the dates set in any notice published under subsection (1) of this section and the dates of service on the contestees. The contest proceeding shall take precedence over all other business on the circuit court docket.
- (5) The circuit court shall hear and determine the proceeding without a jury and shall issue written findings of law and fact. The practice and procedure otherwise applicable to civil cases shall govern the proceeding, except that the contestant has the burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence.

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SECTION 23. ORS 258.150 is amended to read:

258.150. (1) The Secretary of State shall be responsible for ensuring that the procedures to be used in conducting election recounts assure an accurate recount in the shortest time at the least expense. Whenever demands are filed for a recount of a vote for both a measure and a nomination or office, or for more than one measure, nomination or office, the Secretary of State may determine the most appropriate procedure to be used in conducting the recounts simultaneously.

- (2)(a) In all election recounts for the office of President and Vice President of the United States, United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, **Superintendent of Public Instruction,** Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Oregon Tax Court, Circuit Court, Oregon Senate, Oregon House of Representatives and statewide measures, the Secretary of State shall ensure that county elections officials conduct the recount in a manner that is consistent, transparent, accurate and in accordance with all applicable laws.
- (b) The county clerk in each county involved in a recount described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall provide notice to the Secretary of State of the date, time and location of the recount and information regarding all aspects of the recount process, including:
  - (A) The appointment of counting boards;
  - (B) The conditions for recount observers;
- (C) The manner in which voter intent is determined; and
  - (D) The counting of ballots.
- (c) The Secretary of State shall review the notices and actual recount processes described in paragraph (b) of this subsection to ensure consistency across counties involved in the recount to the degree reasonably practicable. The Secretary of State shall be responsible for the certification of the results of the election or nomination as reported by the county clerks in the counties involved in the recount.
  - (d) The Secretary of State may adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection.
  - **SECTION 24.** ORS 260.005 is amended to read:
- 260.005. As used in this chapter:
- (1)(a) "Candidate" means:
- (A) An individual whose name is printed on a ballot, for whom a declaration of candidacy, nominating petition or certificate of nomination to public office has been filed or whose name is expected to be or has been presented, with the individual's consent, for nomination or election to public office;
- (B) An individual who has solicited or received and accepted a contribution, made an expenditure, or given consent to an individual, organization, political party or political committee to solicit or receive and accept a contribution or make an expenditure on the individual's behalf to secure nomination or election to any public office at any time, whether or not the office for which the individual will seek nomination or election is known when the solicitation is made, the contribution is received and retained or the expenditure is made, and whether or not the name of the individual is printed on a ballot; or
  - (C) A public office holder against whom a recall petition has been completed and filed.
- (b) For purposes of this section and ORS 260.035 to 260.156, "candidate" does not include a candidate for the office of precinct committeeperson.
- (2) "Committee director" means any person who directly and substantially participates in decision-making on behalf of a political committee concerning the solicitation or expenditure of

- funds and the support of or opposition to candidates or measures. The officers of a political party 1 2 shall be considered the directors of any political party committee of that party, unless otherwise provided in the party's bylaws.
  - (3) Except as provided in ORS 260.007, "contribute" or "contribution" includes:
  - (a) The payment, loan, gift, forgiving of indebtedness, or furnishing without equivalent compensation or consideration, of money, services other than personal services for which no compensation is asked or given, supplies, equipment or any other thing of value:
  - (A) For the purpose of influencing an election for public office or an election on a measure, or of reducing the debt of a candidate for nomination or election to public office or the debt of a political committee; or
    - (B) To or on behalf of a candidate, political committee or measure; and
  - (b) The excess value of a contribution made for compensation or consideration of less than equivalent value.
  - (4) "Controlled committee" means a political committee that, in connection with the making of contributions or expenditures:
    - (a) Is controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate or a controlled committee; or
    - (b) Acts jointly with a candidate or controlled committee.
    - (5) "Controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate" means:
  - (a) The candidate, the candidate's agent, a member of the candidate's immediate family or any other political committee that the candidate controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the political committee; or
  - (b) The candidate's principal campaign committee and the political committee both have the candidate or a member of the candidate's immediate family as a treasurer or director.
    - (6) "County clerk" means the county clerk or the county official in charge of elections.
  - (7) "Elector" means an individual qualified to vote under Article II, section 2, of the Oregon Constitution.
  - (8) Except as provided in ORS 260.007, "expend" or "expenditure" includes the payment or furnishing of money or anything of value or the incurring or repayment of indebtedness or obligation by or on behalf of a candidate, political committee or person in consideration for any services, supplies, equipment or other thing of value performed or furnished for any reason, including support of or opposition to a candidate, political committee or measure, or for reducing the debt of a candidate for nomination or election to public office. "Expenditure" also includes contributions made by a candidate or political committee to or on behalf of any other candidate or political committee.
    - (9) "Filing officer" means:

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- (a) The Secretary of State:
- (A) Regarding a candidate for public office;
- 37 (B) Regarding a statement required to be filed under ORS 260.118;
  - (C) Regarding any measure; or
  - (D) Regarding any political committee.
    - (b) In the case of an irrigation district formed under ORS chapter 545, "filing officer" means:
  - (A) The county clerk, regarding any candidate for office or any measure at an irrigation district formation election where the proposed district is situated wholly in one county;
    - (B) The county clerk of the county in which the office of the secretary of the proposed irrigation district will be located, regarding any candidate for office or any measure at an irrigation district formation election where the proposed district is situated in more than one county; or

- (C) The secretary of the irrigation district for any election other than an irrigation district formation election.
- (10) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by a person for a communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate or measure that is not made with the cooperation or with the prior consent of, or in consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee of the candidate, or any political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure. For purposes of this subsection:
  - (a) "Agent" means any person who has:

- (A) Actual oral or written authority, either express or implied, to make or to authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate or on behalf of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure; or
- (B) Been placed in a position within the campaign organization where it would reasonably appear that in the ordinary course of campaign-related activities the person may authorize expenditures.
  - (b)(A) "Clearly identified" means, with respect to candidates:
    - (i) The name of the candidate involved appears;
    - (ii) A photograph or drawing of the candidate appears; or
- 18 (iii) The identity of the candidate is apparent by unambiguous reference.
  - (B) "Clearly identified" means, with respect to measures:
  - (i) The ballot number of the measure appears;
    - (ii) A description of the measure's subject or effect appears; or
  - (iii) The identity of the measure is apparent by unambiguous reference.
  - (c) "Communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate or measure" means:
  - (A)(i) The communication, when taken as a whole and with limited reference to external events, such as the proximity to the election, could only be interpreted by a reasonable person as containing advocacy for the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for nomination or election to public office, or the passage or defeat of a clearly identified measure; and
  - (ii) The electoral portion of the communication is unmistakable, unambiguous and suggestive of only one meaning; or
    - (B)(i) The communication involves aggregate expenditures of more than \$250 by a person;
  - (ii) The communication refers to a clearly identified candidate or measure that will appear on the ballot or to a political party; and
  - (iii) The communication is published and disseminated to the relevant electorate within 60 calendar days before a primary election, 120 calendar days before a general election or 90 calendar days before an election other than a primary election or a general election.
  - (d) "Made with the cooperation or with the prior consent of, or in consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee of the candidate, or any political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure":
  - (A) Means any arrangement, coordination or direction by the candidate or the candidate's agent, or by any political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure, prior to the publication, distribution, display or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure shall be presumed to be so made when it is:
  - (i) Based on information about the plans, projects or needs of the candidate, or of the political committee supporting or opposing a measure, and provided to the expending person by the candidate

or by the candidate's agent, or by any political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure, with a view toward having an expenditure made; or

- (ii) Made by or through any person who is or has been authorized to raise or expend funds, who is or has been an officer of a political committee authorized by the candidate or by a political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure, or who is or has been receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the candidate, the candidate's principal campaign committee or agent or from any political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure.
- (B) Does not mean providing to the expending person upon request a copy of this chapter or any rules adopted by the Secretary of State relating to independent expenditures.
- (11) "Initiative petition" means a petition to initiate a measure for which a prospective petition has been filed but that is not yet a measure.
- (12) "Judge" means judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, circuit court or the Oregon Tax Court.
- (13) "Mass mailing" means more than 200 substantially similar pieces of mail, but does not include a form letter or other mail that is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter or other inquiry.
- 18 (14) "Measure" includes any of the following submitted to the people for their approval or re-19 jection at an election:
  - (a) A proposed law.

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- 21 (b) An Act or part of an Act of the Legislative Assembly.
- 22 (c) A revision of or amendment to the Oregon Constitution.
- 23 (d) Local, special or municipal legislation.
- 24 (e) A proposition or question.
- 25 (15) "Occupation" means:
  - (a) The nature of an individual's principal business; and
- (b) If the individual is employed by another person, the business name and address, by city and state, of the employer.
  - (16) "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, labor organization, association, firm, partnership, joint stock company, club, organization or other combination of individuals having collective capacity.
  - (17) "Petition committee" means an initiative, referendum or recall petition committee organized under ORS 260.118.
  - (18) "Political committee" means a combination of two or more individuals, or a person other than an individual, that has:
  - (a) Received a contribution for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate, measure or political party; or
    - (b) Made an expenditure for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate, measure or political party. For purposes of this paragraph, an expenditure does not include:
- 40 (A) A contribution to a candidate or political committee that is required to report the contri-41 bution on a statement filed under ORS 260.057 or 260.076 or a certificate filed under ORS 260.112; 42 or
- 43 (B) An independent expenditure for which a statement is required to be filed by a person under 44 ORS 260.044.
- 45 (19) "Public office" means any national, state, county, district, city office or position, except a

- 1 political party office, that is filled by the electors.
  - (20) "Recall petition" means a petition to recall a public officer for which a prospective petition has been filed but that is not yet a measure.
  - (21) "Referendum petition" means a petition to refer a measure for which a prospective petition has been filed but that is not yet a measure.
    - (22) "Regular district election" means the regular district election described in ORS 255.335.
  - (23) "State office" means the office of Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, **Superintendent of Public Instruction**, state Senator, state Representative, judge or district attorney.
- SECTION 25. ORS 260.005, as amended by section 10, chapter 9, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:
  - 260.005. As used in this chapter:
  - (1)(a) "Candidate" means:

- (A) An individual whose name is printed on a ballot, for whom a declaration of candidacy, nominating petition or certificate of nomination to public office has been filed or whose name is expected to be or has been presented, with the individual's consent, for nomination or election to public office;
- (B) An individual who has solicited or received and accepted a contribution, made an expenditure, or given consent to an individual, organization, political party or political committee to solicit or receive and accept a contribution or make an expenditure on the individual's behalf to secure nomination or election to any public office at any time, whether or not the office for which the individual will seek nomination or election is known when the solicitation is made, the contribution is received and retained or the expenditure is made, and whether or not the name of the individual is printed on a ballot; or
  - (C) A public office holder against whom a recall petition has been completed and filed.
- (b) For purposes of this section and ORS 260.035 to 260.156, "candidate" does not include a candidate for the office of precinct committeeperson.
- (2) "Committee director" means any person who directly and substantially participates in decision-making on behalf of a political committee concerning the solicitation or expenditure of funds and the support of or opposition to candidates or measures. The officers of a political party shall be considered the directors of any political party committee of that party, unless otherwise provided in the party's bylaws.
  - (3) Except as provided in ORS 260.007, "contribute" or "contribution" includes:
- (a) The payment, loan, gift, forgiving of indebtedness, or furnishing without equivalent compensation or consideration, of money, services other than personal services for which no compensation is asked or given, supplies, equipment or any other thing of value:
- (A) For the purpose of influencing an election for public office or an election on a measure, or of reducing the debt of a candidate for nomination or election to public office or the debt of a political committee; or
  - (B) To or on behalf of a candidate, political committee or measure;
- (b) The excess value of a contribution made for compensation or consideration of less than equivalent value; and
- (c) An expenditure by a person for a communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate or measure that is made with the cooperation or with the prior consent of, or in consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or any agent or authorized

- committee of the candidate, or any political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure.
- (4) "Controlled committee" means a political committee that, in connection with the making of contributions or expenditures:
  - (a) Is controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate or a controlled committee; or
  - (b) Acts jointly with a candidate or controlled committee.
  - (5) "Controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate" means:
- (a) The candidate, the candidate's agent, a member of the candidate's immediate family or any other political committee that the candidate controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the political committee; or
- (b) The candidate's principal campaign committee and the political committee both have the candidate or a member of the candidate's immediate family as a treasurer or director.
  - (6) "County clerk" means the county clerk or the county official in charge of elections.
- (7) "Elector" means an individual qualified to vote under Article II, section 2, of the Oregon Constitution.
- (8) Except as provided in ORS 260.007, "expend" or "expenditure" includes the payment or furnishing of money or anything of value or the incurring or repayment of indebtedness or obligation by or on behalf of a candidate, political committee or person in consideration for any services, supplies, equipment or other thing of value performed or furnished for any reason, including support of or opposition to a candidate, political committee or measure, or for reducing the debt of a candidate for nomination or election to public office. "Expenditure" also includes contributions made by a candidate or political committee to or on behalf of any other candidate or political committee.
  - (9) "Filing officer" means:
  - (a) The Secretary of State:

- (A) Regarding a candidate for public office;
- 26 (B) Regarding a statement required to be filed under ORS 260.118;
- 27 (C) Regarding any measure; or
- 28 (D) Regarding any political committee.
  - (b) In the case of an irrigation district formed under ORS chapter 545, "filing officer" means:
  - (A) The county clerk, regarding any candidate for office or any measure at an irrigation district formation election where the proposed district is situated wholly in one county;
  - (B) The county clerk of the county in which the office of the secretary of the proposed irrigation district will be located, regarding any candidate for office or any measure at an irrigation district formation election where the proposed district is situated in more than one county; or
  - (C) The secretary of the irrigation district for any election other than an irrigation district formation election.
  - (10) "Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by a person for a communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate or measure that is not made with the cooperation or with the prior consent of, or in consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee of the candidate, or any political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure. For purposes of this subsection and subsection (3) of this section:
    - (a) "Agent" means any person who has:
  - (A) Actual oral or written authority, either express or implied, to make or to authorize the making of expenditures on behalf of a candidate or on behalf of a political committee supporting or

opposing a measure; or

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- 2 (B) Been placed in a position within the campaign organization where it would reasonably ap-3 pear that in the ordinary course of campaign-related activities the person may authorize expen-4 ditures.
  - (b)(A) "Clearly identified" means, with respect to candidates:
  - (i) The name of the candidate involved appears;
    - (ii) A photograph or drawing of the candidate appears; or
- 8 (iii) The identity of the candidate is apparent by unambiguous reference.
  - (B) "Clearly identified" means, with respect to measures:
- 10 (i) The ballot number of the measure appears;
  - (ii) A description of the measure's subject or effect appears; or
  - (iii) The identity of the measure is apparent by unambiguous reference.
  - (c) "Communication in support of or in opposition to a clearly identified candidate or measure" means:
  - (A)(i) The communication, when taken as a whole and with limited reference to external events, such as the proximity to the election, could only be interpreted by a reasonable person as containing advocacy for the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for nomination or election to public office, or the passage or defeat of a clearly identified measure; and
  - (ii) The electoral portion of the communication is unmistakable, unambiguous and suggestive of only one meaning; or
    - (B)(i) The communication involves aggregate expenditures of more than \$250 by a person;
  - (ii) The communication refers to a clearly identified candidate or measure that will appear on the ballot or to a political party; and
  - (iii) The communication is published and disseminated to the relevant electorate within 60 calendar days before a primary election, 120 calendar days before a general election or 90 calendar days before an election other than a primary election or a general election.
  - (d) "Made with the cooperation or with the prior consent of, or in consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee of the candidate, or any political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure":
  - (A) Means any arrangement, coordination or direction by the candidate or the candidate's agent, or by any political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure, prior to the publication, distribution, display or broadcast of the communication. An expenditure shall be presumed to be so made when it is:
  - (i) Based on information about the plans, projects or needs of the candidate, or of the political committee supporting or opposing a measure, and provided to the expending person by the candidate or by the candidate's agent, or by any political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure, with a view toward having an expenditure made; or
  - (ii) Made by or through any person who is or has been authorized to raise or expend funds, who is or has been an officer of a political committee authorized by the candidate or by a political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure, or who is or has been receiving any form of compensation or reimbursement from the candidate, the candidate's principal campaign committee or agent or from any political committee or agent of a political committee supporting or opposing a measure.
  - (B) Does not mean providing to the expending person upon request a copy of this chapter or any rules adopted by the Secretary of State relating to independent expenditures.

- 1 (11) "Initiative petition" means a petition to initiate a measure for which a prospective petition 2 has been filed but that is not yet a measure.
- 3 (12) "Judge" means judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, circuit court or the Oregon 4 Tax Court.
- 5 (13) "Mass mailing" means more than 200 substantially similar pieces of mail, but does not in-6 clude a form letter or other mail that is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter or other 7 inquiry.
- 8 (14) "Measure" includes any of the following submitted to the people for their approval or re-9 jection at an election:
- 10 (a) A proposed law.

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- (b) An Act or part of an Act of the Legislative Assembly.
- 12 (c) A revision of or amendment to the Oregon Constitution.
- 13 (d) Local, special or municipal legislation.
- 14 (e) A proposition or question.
- 15 (15) "Occupation" means:
  - (a) The nature of an individual's principal business; and
- 17 (b) If the individual is employed by another person, the business name and address, by city and state, of the employer.
- 19 (16) "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, labor organization, 20 association, firm, partnership, joint stock company, club, organization or other combination of indi-21 viduals having collective capacity.
- 22 (17) "Petition committee" means an initiative, referendum or recall petition committee organized 23 under ORS 260.118.
  - (18) "Political committee" means a combination of two or more individuals, or a person other than an individual, that has:
  - (a) Received a contribution for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate, measure or political party; or
    - (b) Made an expenditure for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate, measure or political party. For purposes of this paragraph, an expenditure does not include:
    - (A) A contribution to a candidate or political committee that is required to report the contribution on a statement filed under ORS 260.057 or 260.076 or a certificate filed under ORS 260.112; or
  - (B) An independent expenditure for which a statement is required to be filed by a person under ORS 260.044.
- 35 (19) "Public office" means any national, state, county, district, city office or position, except a 36 political party office, that is filled by the electors.
  - (20) "Recall petition" means a petition to recall a public officer for which a prospective petition has been filed but that is not yet a measure.
- 39 (21) "Referendum petition" means a petition to refer a measure for which a prospective petition 40 has been filed but that is not yet a measure.
  - (22) "Regular district election" means the regular district election described in ORS 255.335.
- 42 (23) "State office" means the office of Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney
  43 General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, **Superintendent of Public Instruc-**44 **tion,** state Senator, state Representative, judge or district attorney.
  - SECTION 26. ORS 260.076 is amended to read:

- 260.076. (1) A legislative official, statewide official or candidate therefor, or the official's or candidate's principal campaign committee, shall file statements showing contributions received by or on behalf of the official, candidate or committee during the period beginning January 1 and ending upon adjournment of the regular session of the Legislative Assembly, or during any special session of the Legislative Assembly.
- (2) The Governor, Governor-elect or a candidate for Governor, or the principal campaign committee of the Governor, Governor-elect or candidate, shall file statements showing contributions received by or on behalf of the Governor, Governor-elect, candidate or committee during the period beginning January 1 and ending 30 business days following adjournment of the regular session of the Legislative Assembly, or during any special session of the Legislative Assembly.
- (3) A person or political committee affiliated with a political party, caucus of either house of the Legislative Assembly, legislative official, statewide official or the Governor, Governor-elect or candidate for Governor shall file statements showing contributions received by the person or committee on behalf of a legislative official, statewide official or candidate therefor, during the period beginning January 1 and ending upon adjournment of the regular session of the Legislative Assembly, or during any special session of the Legislative Assembly.
- (4) A person or political committee affiliated with a political party, caucus of either house of the Legislative Assembly, legislative official, statewide official or the Governor, Governor-elect or candidate for Governor shall file statements showing contributions received by the person or committee on behalf of the Governor, Governor-elect or candidate for Governor, during the period beginning January 1 and ending 30 business days following adjournment of the regular session of the Legislative Assembly, or during any special session of the Legislative Assembly.
- (5) A statement described in subsections (1) to (4) of this section shall be filed with the Secretary of State on a form prescribed by the secretary. For contributions received during the period beginning on January 1 and ending on the first day of the regular session, a statement shall be filed not later than two business days after the first day of the regular session. For contributions received on or after the first day of the regular session, a statement shall be filed not later than two business days after the date a contribution is received. For contributions received during any special session of the Legislative Assembly, a statement shall be filed not later than two business days after the date a contribution is received.
  - (6) As used in this section:

- (a) "Legislative official" means any member or member-elect of the Legislative Assembly.
- (b) "Statewide official" means the Secretary of State or Secretary of State-elect, State Treasurer or State Treasurer-elect, Attorney General or Attorney General-elect, [and the] Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries or [the] Commissioner-elect of the Bureau of Labor and Industries and Superintendent of Public Instruction or Superintendent-elect of Public Instruction.

**SECTION 27.** ORS 292.010 is amended to read:

292.010. The salaries of the Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, **Superintendent of Public Instruction**, judges of the Supreme and circuit courts, district attorneys, and all other state officers, and all persons employed by the state whose salary or compensation is payable by law out of the State Treasury, shall be paid monthly or on a biweekly basis.

**SECTION 28.** ORS 292.311 is amended to read:

- 292.311. The incumbents of each of the following offices shall be paid an annual salary on a monthly basis, as follows:
  - (1) Governor, \$98,600 for the year beginning January 1, 2014, and for each year thereafter. The

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- Governor shall also be paid \$1,000 per month regularly for expenses necessarily incurred but not otherwise provided for.
- (2) Secretary of State, \$77,000 for the year beginning January 1, 2014, and for each year thereafter. The Secretary of State shall also be paid \$250 per month regularly for expenses necessarily incurred but not otherwise provided for.
- (3) State Treasurer, \$77,000 for the year beginning January 1, 2014, and for each year thereafter. The State Treasurer shall also be paid \$250 per month regularly for expenses necessarily incurred but not otherwise provided for.
- (4) Attorney General, \$82,200 for the year beginning January 1, 2014, and for each year thereafter. The Attorney General shall also be paid \$250 per month regularly for expenses necessarily incurred but not otherwise provided for.
- (5) Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, \$77,000 for the year beginning January 1, 2014, and for each year thereafter. The commissioner shall also be paid \$250 per month regularly for expenses necessarily incurred but not otherwise provided for.
- (6) Superintendent of Public Instruction, \$77,000 for the year beginning January 1, 2027, and for each year thereafter. The superintendent shall also be paid \$250 per month regularly for expenses necessarily incurred but not otherwise provided for.

**SECTION 29.** ORS 292.316 is amended to read:

292.316. All fees and commissions of any kind, name or nature collected by the Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, [or] Attorney General or Superintendent of Public Instruction for any service performed by the Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, [or] Attorney General or Superintendent of Public Instruction by virtue of office or collected by the Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, [or] Attorney General or Superintendent of Public Instruction by virtue of office, shall be paid into the State Treasury on or before the 10th day of the month following the collection thereof, accompanied by a statement designating the fund or account to which the payment is to be credited. Each of such officers shall, in the biennial report of the officer, set forth a statement of all moneys so collected and paid over to the State Treasury.

#### **SECTION 30.** ORS 292.430 is amended to read:

292.430. (1) In addition to the annual salaries established as provided in ORS 292.930, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services may "pick-up," assume and pay to the Public Employees Retirement Fund any employee contributions, otherwise required by ORS 238.200, for the Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, Superintendent of Public Instruction and members of the Legislative Assembly.

(2) The department may provide health, dental, life and long-term disability insurance without cost to the officers referred to in subsection (1) of this section and to judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Oregon Tax Court and circuit courts in such amounts as are provided from time to time to employees in the unclassified service of the state.

## SECTION 31. ORS 292.930 is amended to read:

292.930. Each of the following elective officers shall be paid an annual salary on a monthly basis as determined by the Legislative Assembly each biennium:

(1) Governor.

- (2) Secretary of State.
- 43 (3) State Treasurer.
- 44 (4) Attorney General.
- 45 (5) Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries.

## 1 (6) Superintendent of Public Instruction.

- 2 [(6)] (7) Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.
- 3 [(7)] (8) Court of Appeals Judge.
- 4 [(8)] (9) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
- 5 [(9)] (10) Supreme Court Judge.
- 6 [(10)] (11) Circuit Court Judge.
- 7 [(11)] (**12**) Tax Court Judge.

**SECTION 32.** ORS 326.555 is amended to read:

326.555. There is established a State Council for Educational Opportunity for Military Children, as described in Article VIII of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children under ORS 326.552, consisting of the [Deputy] Superintendent of Public Instruction, the members of the State Board of Education, the military family education liaison and the compact commissioner. The Governor may appoint other individuals to the state council and shall make a good faith effort to ensure that other individuals appointed are individuals who are described in Article VIII of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children under ORS 326.552 and who are well informed on the principles of education of military children.

## **SECTION 33.** ORS 327.506 is amended to read:

327.506. (1) The quality goals for the state's system of kindergarten through grade 12 public education include those established under ORS 329.007, 329.015, 329.025, 329.045 and 329.065.

- (2) Each biennium the Quality Education Commission shall determine the amount of moneys sufficient to ensure that the state's system of kindergarten through grade 12 public education meets the quality goals.
- (3) In determining the amount of moneys sufficient to meet the quality goals, the commission shall identify best practices that lead to high student performance and the costs of implementing those best practices in the state's kindergarten through grade 12 public schools. Those best practices shall be based on research, data, professional judgment and public values.
- (4) Prior to August 1 of each even-numbered year, the commission shall issue a report to the Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Legislative Assembly that identifies:
- (a) Current practices in the state's system of kindergarten through grade 12 public education, the costs of continuing those practices and the expected student performance under those practices; and
- (b) The best practices for meeting the quality goals, the costs of implementing the best practices and the expected student performance under the best practices.
- (5) In addition, the commission shall provide in the report issued under subsection (4) of this section at least two alternatives for meeting the quality goals. The alternatives may use different approaches for meeting the quality goals or use a phased implementation of best practices for meeting the quality goals.

## **SECTION 34.** ORS 339.331 is amended to read:

339.331. (1) There is created the Center for School Safety within the University of Oregon. The mission of the center shall be to:

- (a) Serve as the central point for data analysis;
- (b) Conduct research;
- (c) Disseminate information about successful school safety programs, research results and new programs; and
  - (d) Provide technical assistance for improving the safety of schools in collaboration with the

1 Department of Education and others.

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- (2) To fulfill its mission, the Center for School Safety shall:
- 3 (a) Establish a clearinghouse for information and materials concerning school violence pre-4 vention and intervention services. As used in this paragraph, "intervention services" means any 5 preventive, developmental, corrective or supportive service or treatment provided to a student who 6 is at risk of school failure, is at risk of participation in violent behavior or juvenile crime or has 7 been expelled from the school district. "Intervention services" may include, but is not limited to:
- 8 (A) Screening to identify students at risk for emotional disabilities or antisocial behavior;
- (B) Direct instruction in academic, social, problem-solving and conflict resolution skills;
- 10 (C) Alternative education programs;
- 11 (D) Psychological services;
- 12 (E) Identification and assessment of abilities;
- 13 (F) Counseling services;
- 14 (G) Medical services;
- 15 (H) Day treatment;
- 16 (I) Family services; and
- 17 (J) Work and community service programs.
- 18 (b) Provide program development and implementation expertise and technical support to schools, 19 law enforcement agencies and communities. The expertise and support may include coordinating 20 training for administrators, teachers, students, parents and other community representatives.
- 21 (c) Analyze the data collected in compliance with section 5, chapter 618, Oregon Laws 2001.
- 22 (d) Research and evaluate school safety programs so schools and communities are better able 23 to address their specific needs.
- 24 (e) Promote interagency efforts to address discipline and safety issues within communities 25 throughout the state.
- 26 (f) Prepare and disseminate information regarding the best practices in creating safe and effec-27 tive schools.
  - (g) Advise the State Board of Education on rules and policies.
- 29 (h) Provide an annual report on the status of school safety in Oregon by July 1 of each year to:
- 30 (A) The Governor;

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- 31 (B) The Attorney General;
  - (C) The Superintendent of Public Instruction;
    - [(C)] (D) The State Board of Education; and
- 34 [(D)] (E) All relevant legislative committees.
- 35 (3) The University of Oregon Institute on Violence and Destructive Behavior shall provide staff 36 support to the Center for School Safety board of directors and shall manage the center.
- 37 (4) The Center for School Safety board of directors may seek and accept public and private funds 38 for the center.
- 39 <u>SECTION 35.</u> Section 1, chapter 113, Oregon Laws 2018, as amended by section 3, chapter 113, 40 Oregon Laws 2018, is amended to read:
- 41 **Sec. 1.** (1) As used in this section:
- 42 (a) "Accelerated college credit program" has the meaning given that term in [section 6 of this 43 2018 Act] **ORS 350.420**.
- 44 (b) "Credit toward general education" has the meaning given that term in [section 6 of this 2018 45 Act] ORS 350.420.

- (2) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall prepare an annual report on accelerated college credit programs in the manner provided by this section.
- (3) For the purpose of the report required by this section, the commission shall collaborate with public post-secondary institutions of education in this state to determine the method for providing a representative sampling of:
  - (a) Students from each institution who are:

- (A) Graduates of a high school in this state;
- (B) Enrolled in the first year at a post-secondary institution of education for the first time, except for any enrollment related to an accelerated college credit program; and
  - (C) Seeking a post-secondary certificate or degree.
- (b) The number of credits from an accelerated college credit program that a student attempted to transfer to the post-secondary institution of education.
- (4) The report required by this section must include the following information from the representative sampling based on the previous school year:
- (a) The number and percentage of students who attempted to transfer a credit from an accelerated college credit program to a public post-secondary institution of education in this state.
- (b) Of the students identified under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the number and percentage of students whose credits were accepted.
- (c) Of the credits accepted, the number and percentage that were accepted as credit toward general education.
- (d) Of the students identified under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the number and percentage of students whose credits were not accepted.
- (e) Of the students identified under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the high schools from which the students graduated, if available.
- (5) To the extent practicable, and in addition to the information described in subsection (4) of this section, the report must include, from all students in this state described in subsection (3)(a) of this section, the number of students who attempted to transfer a credit from an accelerated college credit program to a public post-secondary institution of education in this state.
- (6) To the extent practicable, the information collected under subsections (4) and (5) of this section must be disaggregated by:
  - (a) The student's characteristics, including race, ethnicity and gender;
- (b) The post-secondary institution of education that accepted or did not accept a transfer of a credit from an accelerated college credit program;
  - (c) The type of accelerated college credit program in which the student participated; and
  - (d) The class of the accelerated college credit program in which the student participated.
- (7) No later than September 1 of each year, each public post-secondary institution of education must provide to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission the information required under this section.
  - (8) No later than December 1 of each year, the report required under this section must be:
- (a) Submitted to the Governor, **the Superintendent of Public Instruction**, the Department of Education, the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education, the board of education of each community college district in this state and the governing board of each public university listed in ORS 352.002; and
  - (b) Made available to each school district in this state.
- (9) Nothing in this section is intended to supersede the authority of a post-secondary institution

of education, or the faculty of an institution, to prescribe an educational program or a course of study as provided by ORS 341.290 (3) or 352.146.

#### **SECTION 36.** ORS 343.465 is amended to read:

- 343.465. (1) It is the policy of this state to respect the unique nature of each child, family and community with particular attention to cultural and linguistic diversity, and to support a system of services for preschool children with a disability and their families that:
- (a) Recognizes the importance of the preschool child's family, supports and builds on each family's strengths and respects family decision-making and input regarding service options and public policy.
- (b) Identifies, evaluates and refers services for preschool children with a disability at the earliest possible time.
- (c) Uses specialized services and all other community services and programs for children, including community preschools, Head Start programs, community health clinics, family support programs and other child-oriented agencies.
- (d) Uses a variety of funding sources for preschool children with a disability and their families, including public and private funding, insurance and family resources.
- (e) Assists families in utilizing necessary services in the most cost-effective and efficient manner possible by using a coordinated planning and implementation process.
- (f) [Insures] **Ensures** that all children and their families, regardless of disability, risk factors or cultural or linguistic differences, are able to utilize services for which they would otherwise be qualified.
- (g) Encourages services and supports for preschool children with a disability and their families in their home communities and in settings with children without a disability.
- (h) Recognizes the importance of developing and supporting well-trained and competent personnel to provide services to preschool children with a disability, and their families.
- (i) Evaluates the system's impact on the child and family, including child progress, service quality, family satisfaction, transition into public schooling, longitudinal and cumulative reporting over several biennia and interagency coordination at both the state and local level.
- (j) Reports information described in paragraph (i) of this subsection to the State Interagency Coordinating Council, the Governor, **the Superintendent of Public Instruction,** the Department of Early Learning and Care, the State Board of Education, the public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and the Legislative Assembly each biennium.
- (2) In carrying out the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the Department of Education, the Department of Early Learning and Care, the Department of Human Services and the public universities listed in ORS 352.002 shall coordinate the provision of services to preschool children with a disability with other services that are provided to children with a disability, or who are at risk of developing disabling conditions, and their families. All program planning, standards for service, policies regarding services delivery and budget development for services for preschool children with a disability, children with a disability, and the families of those children shall reflect the policy outlined in subsection (1) of this section and elaborated through rules and agreements.

#### **SECTION 37.** ORS 343.499 is amended to read:

- 343.499. (1)(a) There is created the State Interagency Coordinating Council.
- (b) The Governor shall appoint members of the council from a list of eligible appointees from this state that is provided by the council and agencies described in subsection (2) of this section and shall ensure that the membership of the council reasonably represents the racial, ethnic, linguistic

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- (c) The Governor shall designate one member of the council to serve as the chairperson, or if the Governor chooses not to name a chairperson, the council may elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
- (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c) of this subsection, any member of the council who represents the Department of Education may not serve as the chairperson of the council.
  - (2) The membership of the council shall be composed as follows:
- (a) At least 20 percent of the council members shall be parents of children with a disability who 9 are 12 years of age or younger at the time the council member is appointed. When appointing council members under this paragraph, the Governor shall ensure that:
  - (A) At least 50 percent of the council members are parents of a child with a disability who is five years of age or younger at the time the council member is appointed;
    - (B) At least 20 percent of the council members:
  - (i) Are parents of a child with a disability who is three years of age or younger at the time the council member is appointed; and
  - (ii) Have knowledge of, or experience with, programs or services for infants or toddlers with a disability; and
  - (C) The council members represent the racial, ethnic and linguistic diversity of children in this state who are five years of age or younger.
  - (b) At least 20 percent of the council members shall be public or private providers of early intervention and early childhood special education services.
  - (c) At least one council member shall be from a program responsible for preparing early intervention and early childhood special education educators.
  - (d) At least one council member shall be from a Head Start program or from a provider under the Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten Program.
    - (e) At least one council member shall be from a home-based child care program.
    - (f) At least one council member shall be from a center-based child care program.
  - (g) At least one council member shall be from the committee that serves as the state advisory council, as described in ORS 326.425 (3).
    - (h) At least one council member shall be a member of the State Advisory Council for Special Education created under ORS 343.287.
    - (i) At least one council member shall be from each state agency involved in the provision of, or payment for, early intervention and early childhood special education services to infants and toddlers with a disability and their families.
  - (j) At least one council member shall be from each state agency responsible for providing preschool services to children with a disability.
  - (k) At least one council member shall be from each state agency responsible for children's mental health.
- (L) At least two council members shall be from the Department of Human Services with exper-39 tise in foster care or self-sufficiency programs. 40
  - (m) At least one council member shall be from the Department of Early Learning and Care with expertise in the Child Care and Development Fund.
  - (n) At least one council member shall be a representative of the Department of Education with expertise in the coordination of education of homeless children and youth.
- (o) At least one council member shall be from the Department of Consumer and Business Ser-45

vices with expertise in state regulation of private health insurance.

- (p) At least one council member shall be from the Oregon Health Authority with expertise in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.
- (q) At least one council member shall be a representative from a tribal agency responsible for supporting young children with developmental delays and disabilities, from a tribal council or otherwise representing one or more tribes.
- (3) An individual appointed to represent a state agency under subsection (2) of this section must have sufficient authority to engage in making and implementing policy on behalf of the agency. The Governor may appoint a council member to represent more than one program or specialty listed in subsection (2) of this section.
  - (4) In addition to the council members appointed under subsection (2) of this section:
- (a) The Governor may appoint any other council members not listed in subsection (2) of this section.
- (b) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the Senate to serve as a nonvoting council member.
- (c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among members of the House of Representatives to serve as a nonvoting council member.
  - (5) The State Interagency Coordinating Council shall:
- (a) Advise the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education, the Early Learning System Director and the Early Learning Council on unmet needs in the early childhood special education and early intervention programs for children with a disability, review and comment publicly on any rules proposed by the State Board of Education and the distribution of funds for the programs and assist the state in developing and reporting data on and evaluations of the programs and services.
- (b) Advise and assist the represented public agencies regarding the services and programs they provide to children with a disability and their families, including public comments on any proposed rules affecting the target population and the distribution of funds for such services, and assist each agency in developing services that reflect the overall goals for the target population as adopted by the council.
- (c) Advise the Department of Education, the Department of Early Learning and Care and other state agencies on the development and implementation of the policies that constitute the statewide system.
- (d) Advise all appropriate public agencies on achieving the full participation, coordination and cooperation for implementation of a statewide system that includes but is not limited to:
- (A) Seeking information from service providers, service coordinators, parents and others about any federal, state or local policies that impede timely service delivery; and
- (B) Taking steps to ensure that any policy problems identified under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph are resolved.
- (e) Advise the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Early Learning System Director on identifying the sources of fiscal and other support for early intervention and early childhood special education services, assigning financial responsibility to the appropriate agencies and ensuring that the provisions of interagency agreements under ORS 343.511 are carried out.
- (f) Review and comment on each agency's services and policies regarding services for infants, toddlers and preschool children with a disability, or infants, toddlers and preschool children who are at risk of developing disabling conditions, and their families to the maximum extent possible to

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- (g) Advise the Department of Education and the Department of Early Learning and Care on the preparation of applications and amendments thereto.
- (h) Advise the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Early Learning System Director regarding transitions of children with a disability, including transitions to kindergarten.
- (i) Prepare and submit an annual report to the Governor, the [Deputy] Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Early Learning System Director, the Early Learning Council, the State Board of Education, the Legislative Assembly and the United States Secretary of Education on the status of early intervention and early childhood special education services provided within this state.
- (6) The council may advise appropriate agencies about integration of services for preschool children with a disability and at-risk preschool children.
  - (7) Terms of office for council members shall be three years, except that:
- (a) The representative from the State Advisory Council for Special Education shall serve a one-year term; and
- (b) The representatives from other state agencies and the representatives from the Legislative Assembly shall serve indefinite terms.
- (8) Subject to approval by the Governor, the council may use federal funds appropriated for this purpose and available to the council to:
  - (a) Conduct hearings and forums;
- (b) Reimburse nonagency council members under ORS 292.495 for attending council meetings, for performing council duties, and for necessary expenses, including child care for parent members;
- (c) Pay compensation to a council member if the member is not employed or if the member must forfeit wages from other employment when performing official council business;
  - (d) Hire staff; and
- (e) Obtain the services of such professional, technical and clerical personnel as may be necessary to carry out its functions.
- (9) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, council members shall serve without compensation.
- (10) The Department of Education shall provide clerical and administrative support, including staff, to the council to carry out the performance of the council's function as described in this section.
- (11) The council shall meet at least quarterly. The meetings shall be announced publicly and, to the extent appropriate, be open and accessible to the general public.
- (12) No member of the council shall cast a vote on any matter that would provide direct financial benefit to that member or otherwise give the appearance of a conflict of interest under state law.

## SECTION 38. ORS 357.021 is amended to read:

- 357.021. (1) The State Library Board is established, consisting of nine voting members.
- 39 (2) The Governor, after consultation with the Oregon Library Association, shall appoint seven 40 voting members as follows:
  - (a) Two members from two different state agencies;
  - (b) One member representing a public library in eastern Oregon;
  - (c) One member representing a public library in western Oregon;
- 44 (d) One public member from eastern Oregon;
- 45 (e) One public member from western Oregon; and

- 1 (f) One member representing a community college library or a public university library in this 2 state.
  - (3) The [Deputy] Superintendent of Public Instruction, or a designee of the [deputy] superintendent, shall be a voting member of the board.
    - (4) The administrator of the Commission for the Blind, or a designee of the administrator, shall be a voting member of the board.
      - (5) The State Librarian shall serve ex officio as a nonvoting member of the board.
    - (6) A board member described in subsection (2) of this section shall serve a four-year term, but a member described in subsection (2) of this section serves at the pleasure of the Governor. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor whose term begins on July 1 next following. A member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.
    - (7) A board member described in subsection (2) of this section shall be eligible for reappointment for only one additional term, but any person may be reappointed to the board after an interval of one year.
    - (8) The appointment of a board member described in subsection (2) of this section is subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner prescribed in ORS 171.562 and 171.565.
    - (9) A member of the State Library Board is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.

## **SECTION 39.** ORS 418.979 is amended to read:

- 418.979. (1) The purpose of the System of Care Advisory Council is to improve the effectiveness and efficacy of state and local systems of care that provide services to youth by providing a centralized and impartial forum for statewide policy development and planning.
- (2) The primary duty of the council is to develop and maintain a state system of care policy and a comprehensive, long-range plan for a coordinated state system of care that encompasses public health, health systems, child welfare, education, juvenile justice and services and supports for mental and behavioral health and people with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The plan must include, but need not be limited to, recommendations regarding:
  - (a) Capacity, utilization and types of state and local systems of care and services and supports;
- (b) Implementation of in-home behavioral health services, crisis and transition services, therapeutic foster care, in-home family support services and the integration of those services with existing programs of residential services for individuals with behavioral health needs and intellectual developmental disabilities;
  - (c) Appropriate use of existing systems of care and services and supports;
  - (d) Whether additional services and supports are necessary to address gaps in coverage;
- (e) Methods for assessing the effectiveness of systems of care and services and supports in reducing juvenile dependency or delinquency;
  - (f) Methods of reducing risk of future juvenile dependency or delinquency;
  - (g) The effective utilization of the local system of care governance structure;
  - (h) Guidelines for partner agency core values and guiding principles; and
  - (i) Guidelines that ensure cultural competence in the provision of services and supports by:
- (A) Implementing uniform standards to allow local system of care teams to describe the culturally responsive services and supports available in a system of care.
- (B) Providing youth and families with understandable and effective system of care services in a manner compatible with their disabilities, cultural beliefs and practices, literacy skills and language.

- (C) Developing and implementing a process to review practices accepted by diverse communities.
- (D) Identifying ways to continually improve culturally competent system of care services and implementing a statewide system of care that reflects culturally competent practices.
  - (3) Other duties of the council are to:

- (a) Conduct joint studies on any matter within the jurisdiction of the council by agreement with the Oregon Youth Authority, the Department of Human Services, the Oregon Health Authority, the Department of Education, coordinated care organizations and any other state agencies, boards or commissions;
- (b) Provide oversight of the implementation of the services described in subsection (2)(b) of this section by the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon Youth Authority and the Department of Human Services and to provide periodic updates on the agencies' implementation to the Legislative Assembly;
- (c) Provide recommendations to the Director of the Oregon Health Authority, the Director of the Oregon Youth Authority, the [*Deputy*] Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of Human Services as necessary for the agencies to maintain and strengthen the systems of care;
- (d) Make recommendations to the Director of the Oregon Health Authority, the Director of the Oregon Youth Authority, the [*Deputy*] Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of Human Services to reduce barriers to implementation of systems of care;
- (e) Continually monitor and update the Children's System Data Dashboard described in ORS 418.981, with a specific focus on the number of youth placed in hotels, out-of-state placements, emergency department boarding, congregate care facilities, shelter care or Oregon Youth Authority custody; and
- (f) Award grants from funds appropriated by the Legislative Assembly to the council or from funds otherwise available from any other source, for the purpose of supporting local system of care governance and for carrying out the recommendations in the council's plan developed under subsection (2) of this section.
- (4)(a) On or before January 1 of every fourth year, the council shall update its plan under subsection (2) of this section and submit the plan to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to youth, and to the Governor.
- (b) On or before September 15 of each year, the council shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to youth, and to the Governor, describing how the council is meeting its goals and any remaining barriers to access to services and supports. The report may include recommendations for legislation, including recommendations for changes to the council structure, composition and operating processes.
- (c) On or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year, the council, the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority shall submit a joint report in the manner described in ORS 192.245 to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to youth, describing moneys appropriated to or otherwise made available to the department, the authority or the council in the preceding biennium for the purpose of providing, or providing access to, the services and supports described in subsection (2)(b) of this section. The report must include an accounting of the expenditures made by the department, the authority and the council and of any moneys remaining unspent at the close of the biennium.
  - (5) The council may:
  - (a) Apply for and receive gifts and grants from any public or private source.
  - (b) Submit proposals for legislative measures at the time and in the manner prescribed in ORS

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- (c) Adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.
- (6) The council shall submit an agency request budget at the time and in the manner prescribed under ORS 291.208.
- (7)(a) All agencies of state government are directed to assist the council in the performance of the duties of the council and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice that the members of the council consider necessary to perform the duties of the council.
- (b) At the council's request, a participating state agency shall provide the council with the agency's proposed budget form, prior to the agency's submission of the form to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services under ORS 291.208, for the council's review. The council may make recommendations to the agency or, if appropriate, the department regarding the agency's proposed expenditures for services and supports necessary to implement the council's policy recommendations under this section.
- (8) The council and participating state agencies shall, where applicable, enter into interagency agreements to:
  - (a) Provide staff and resources to assist the council in carrying out the council's duties;
  - (b) Share computer systems and technologies, to the extent allowed by law;
- (c) Collect and analyze data related to the state system of care and the performance of the council's duties; or
- (d) Investigate the effectiveness of the council's proposals and recommendations under this section.
- (9) Moneys that are appropriated to or otherwise made available to the council or the Oregon Health Authority for the purpose of supporting the duties of the council may not be expended except as directed by the council.

## SECTION 40. ORS 461.180 is amended to read:

- 461.180. (1) The Director of the Oregon State Lottery shall make an ongoing study of the operation and the administration of the lotteries which may be in operation in other states or countries, of available literature on the subject, of federal laws which may affect the operation of the Oregon State Lottery and of the reaction of citizens of the state to existing or proposed features in lottery games, with a view toward recommending improvements that will tend to serve the purposes of this chapter. The director may make recommendations to the commission, Governor and Legislative Assembly on any matters concerning the secure and efficient operation and administration of the state lottery and the convenience of the purchasers of tickets and shares.
- (2) The director shall make and keep books and records which accurately and fairly reflect each day's transactions, including but not limited to, the distribution of tickets or shares to lottery game retailers, receipt of funds, prize claims, prize disbursements or prizes liable to be paid, expenses and all other financial transactions involving state lottery funds necessary so as to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain daily accountability.
- (3) The director shall make a monthly financial report to the commission, and upon request provide copies of such reports to the Governor, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Legislative Assembly. Such report shall include a full and complete statement of state lottery revenues, prize disbursements, expenses, net revenues and all other financial transactions involving state lottery funds for the

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- (4) After the first six months of sales of tickets or shares to the public, the director shall engage an independent firm experienced in demographic analysis to conduct a special study which shall ascertain the demographic characteristics of the players of each lottery game, including but not limited to their income, age, sex, education and frequency of participation. This report shall be presented to the commission, the Governor, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Legislative Assembly. Similar studies shall be conducted after the first such study from time to time as determined by the director.
- (5) After the first full year of sales of tickets or shares to the public, the director shall engage an independent firm experienced in the analysis of advertising, promotion, public relations, incentives, public disclosures of odds and numbers of winners in lottery games and other aspects of communications to conduct a special study of the effectiveness of such communications activities by the state lottery and make recommendations to the commission on the future conduct and future rate of expenditure for such activities. This report shall be presented to the commission, the Governor, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Legislative Assembly. Until the presentation of such report and action by the commission, the state lottery shall expend as close to three and one-half percent as practical of the projected sales of all tickets and shares for advertising, promotion, public relations, incentives, public disclosures of odds and numbers of winners in lottery games and other aspects of communications. Similar studies shall be conducted from time to time after the first such study as determined by the director.
- (6) After the first nine months of sales of tickets or shares to the public, the commission shall engage an independent firm experienced in security procedures, including but not limited to computer security and systems security, to conduct a comprehensive study and evaluation of all aspects of security in the operation of the state lottery. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, personnel security, lottery game retailer security, lottery contractor security, security of manufacturing operations of lottery contractors, security against ticket counterfeiting and alteration and other means of fraudulently winning, security of drawings among entries or finalists, computer security, data communications security, database security, security in distribution, security involving validation and payment procedures, security involving unclaimed prizes, security aspects applicable to each particular lottery game, security of drawings in lottery games where winners are determined by drawings of numbers, the completeness of security against locating winners in lottery games with preprinted winners by persons involved in their production, storage, distribution or sale and any other aspects of security applicable to any particular lottery game and to the state lottery and its operations. The portion of the report containing the overall evaluation of the state lottery in terms of each aspect of security shall be presented to the commission, the Governor, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Legislative Assembly. Notwithstanding other provisions of state law, the portion of the report containing specific recommendations shall be confidential and shall be presented only to the commission, the Governor and the director. Similar studies of security shall be conducted biennially thereafter.
- (7) The director may delegate to any of the employees of the Oregon State Lottery the exercise or discharge in the director's name of any power, duty or function of whatever character, vested in or imposed by law upon the director. The official act of any such person so acting in the director's name and by the authority of the director shall be considered to be an official act of the director.

## **SECTION 41.** ORS 660.505 is amended to read:

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- 660.505. (1) The members of the OregonServes Commission appointed under ORS 660.500 (2)(a) must be residents of this state who have a proven commitment to community service and who have a demonstrated interest in fostering and nurturing civic engagement as a strategy for strengthening communities and promoting the ethic of service in all sectors of this state.
  - (2)(a) The Governor shall appoint as members of the commission:
- (A) An individual with experience in educational, training and development needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth.
- (B) An individual with experience in promoting involvement of adults 55 years of age or older in service and volunteerism.
- (C) A representative of community-based agencies or organizations within this state.
- 12 (D) The [Deputy] Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee.
  - (E) A representative of local governments in this state.
- 14 (F) A representative of local labor unions in this state.
- 15 (G) A representative of business.
  - (H) An individual between 16 and 25 years of age who is a participant in or supervisor of a service program for school-age youth, or a campus-based or national service program.
    - (I) A representative of a national service program described in 42 U.S.C. 12572(a).
    - (J) A representative of the volunteer sector.
- 20 (b) An individual member of the commission may represent more than one of the entities or or-21 ganizations required to be represented under this subsection.
  - (3) In addition to appointing members under subsection (2) of this section, the Governor may appoint as members individuals from the following groups:
  - (a) Educators, including representatives of post-secondary institutions of education and local education agencies.
- 26 (b) Experts in the delivery of human, educational, environmental or public safety services to communities and individuals.
  - (c) Members or representatives of Native American tribes.
  - (d) At-risk or out-of-school youths.
  - (e) Entities that receive assistance under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.).
- 32 (4) In making appointments of members described in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the 33 Governor shall ensure that:
  - (a) No more than 50 percent of the appointed members are from the same political party; and
  - (b) No more than 25 percent of the appointed members are state employees.
  - (5) To the extent practicable, the Governor shall ensure that the membership of the commission is diverse with respect to race, ethnicity, age, gender and disability characteristics.
    - SECTION 42. Section 1, chapter 54, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:
- Sec. 1. (1) The America 250 Oregon Commission is established, consisting of 27 members appointed as provided in subsection (2) of this section.
- 41 (2)(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two nonvoting members from among members 42 of the Senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party.
- 43 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two nonvoting members from 44 among members of the House of Representatives, one from the majority party and one from the mi-45 nority party.

- 1 (c) The Governor shall appoint 13 voting members as follows:
- (A) One member representing the Oregon Heritage Commission.
- 3 (B) One member representing the Oregon Arts Commission.
- 4 (C) One member representing the Trust for Cultural Development Board.
- (D) One member representing the Commission on Black Affairs.
- (E) One member representing the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs.
- (F) One member representing the Commission on Hispanic Affairs.
- 8 (G) One member representing the Commission for Women.
- 9 (H) Six members representing the public at large.
- 10 (d) The following 10 voting members shall serve ex officio:
- 11 (A) The Executive Director of the Oregon Historical Society or the executive director's designee.
  - (B) The State Treasurer or the treasurer's designee.
- 14 (C) The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee.
- 15 (D) The [Deputy] Superintendent of Public Instruction or the [deputy] superintendent's designee.
- 16 (E) The State Parks and Recreation Director or the director's designee.
- 17 (F) The Director of the Oregon Business Development Department or the director's designee.
- 18 (G) The executive director of the Oregon Tourism Commission or the executive director's designee.
- 20 (H) The Director of Veterans' Affairs or the director's designee.
  - (I) The Governor's director of tribal affairs or the director's designee.
- 22 (J) The Executive Officer of the Commission on Indian Services or the executive officer's designee.
  - (e) The America 250 Oregon Commission may by majority vote invite additional individuals to serve as nonvoting honorary members of the commission.
  - (f) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.
    - (3) The commission shall:

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- (a) Coordinate and provide guidance for Oregon's official observance of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States, as marked by the Declaration of Independence in 1776.
- (b) Consult with the nine federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon when planning and developing activities throughout the state in order to meaningfully include Oregon's tribal history.
- (c) Seek to ensure an official observance that is inclusive and shares the histories of Oregon's diverse populations, including the histories of the Native American peoples who have an ancestral and tradition connection to this state.
  - (4) The commission may:
  - (a) Adopt rules necessary for the operation of the commission;
- (b) Cooperate with national, regional, state, local and Native American organizations, institutions, bodies and other public or private entities that are promoting the semiquincentennial;
  - (c) Plan, conduct and assist with semiquincentennial events;
- 41 (d) Plan, support and produce educational resources and programs related to the 42 semiquincentennial;
- 43 (e) Engage in and encourage fundraising activities, including, but not limited to, the solicitation 44 of charitable gifts, grants or donations;
  - (f) Coordinate interagency participation in the observance;

- (g) Create subcommittees of the commission comprising members of the commission, members appointed from the public at large and honorary members to further the goals of the commission; and
- (h) Engage in any other activity related to the powers and duties conferred on the commission under this section.
  - (5) The commission shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the commission.
- (6) A majority of the voting members of the commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
- 10 (7) Official action by the commission requires the approval of a majority of the voting members 11 of the commission.
  - (8) The Executive Director of the Oregon Historical Society or the executive director's designee shall serve as chairperson.
    - (9) The Oregon Historical Society shall:

- (a) Provide staff support to the commission.
- (b) Direct and supervise the budgeting, recordkeeping, reporting and related administrative and clerical functions of the commission.
- (c) Print and disseminate for the commission any required notices, rules or orders adopted by the commission.
- (d) Expend and allocate any appropriations authorized by the Legislative Assembly to carry out the purposes of this section.
- (e) Collect all revenues other than those appropriated by the Legislative Assembly and use them for the purposes of this section.
- (10) The Oregon Historical Society may employ personnel, contract for services and receive, expend and allocate the proceeds of gifts, grants and donations on behalf of the commission for the purposes of this section.
- (11) Voting members of the commission are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.
- (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the commission in the performance of the duties of the commission and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice that the members of the commission consider necessary to perform their duties.
- (13) No later than September 15 of each year, the commission shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to historical commemorations. The report may include recommendations for legislation.
- **SECTION 43.** Section 4, chapter 95, Oregon Laws 2024, as amended by section 6, chapter 95, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:
  - Sec. 4. (1) A youth advisory group is established for the purposes of this section.

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- (2)(a) The [Deputy] Superintendent of Public Instruction, in consultation with current members of the youth advisory group, shall select members of the youth advisory group as provided by this subsection. The term of office of each member is one year.
- (b) The majority of the members of the youth advisory group must be youth between the ages of 14 and 18 years of age during their term of service on the youth advisory group. The youth members of the youth advisory group must include two youth from each education service district identified in ORS 334.013.

- (c) When selecting the members of the youth advisory group, the [Deputy] Superintendent of Public Instruction shall:
- (A) Consult with the Youth Development Division, the Oregon Health Authority and the Racial Justice Council to select members of the youth advisory group who are one or more of the following:
  - (i) Youth and staff representing tribal youth councils;

- (ii) Youth and staff representing youth and student leadership organizations;
- (iii) Youth and staff representing alternative education pathways;
- (iv) Youth from immigrant and refugee communities;
- (v) Individuals representing culturally and ethnically specific community-based organizations, including organizations that assist immigrant and refugee communities;
- (vi) Individuals who are administrators, teachers and other school staff who support youth and student leadership in public schools, including education service districts, school districts, schools and youth reengagement programs;
- (vii) Youth who serve as advisors to the State Board of Education or serve on Department of Education work groups related to student success initiatives;
- (viii) Youth who serve on the Youth Development Council or who participate in Youth Development Division programs;
  - (ix) Youth who serve on Oregon Health Authority work groups;
  - (x) Youth who serve on Racial Justice Council work groups; and
  - (xi) Additional members identified and recommended by the youth advisory group.
- (B) Consult with the Youth Development Division to select members of the youth advisory group who are youth who have been reengaged and to select program staff who support the statewide youth reengagement system developed and administered by the division under ORS 417.859 or who otherwise provide education opportunities to youth or support the educational success of youth.
- (d) In addition to the members of the youth advisory group described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection, the youth advisory group may include any other members identified and recommended by the youth advisory group and selected by the [Deputy] Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- (e) The [Deputy] Superintendent of Public Instruction may provide for alternate members for the youth members of the youth advisory group described in paragraph (b) of this subsection.
- (f)(A) When making selections under this subsection, the [Deputy] Superintendent of Public Instruction must ensure that:
- (i) At least 70 percent of the members of the youth advisory group have lived experiences with, or a demonstrated understanding of, issues facing persons who are from racial or ethnic communities that historically have been, or currently are, underrepresented or underserved;
- (ii) At least 50 percent of the youth members of the youth advisory group from each of the regions identified in paragraph (b) of this subsection have lived experiences with, or a demonstrated understanding of, issues facing persons who are from racial or ethnic communities that historically have been, or currently are, underrepresented or underserved; and
  - (iii) The youth members of the youth advisory group must include youth who:
- (I) Have lived experiences with, or a demonstrated understanding of, issues facing persons who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit, intersex, asexual, nonbinary or another minority gender identity or sexual orientation;
  - (II) Are English language learners;
- (III) Are identified as being a child with a disability, as defined in ORS 343.035;

(IV) Are navigating poverty;

- (V) Are a foster child or have a parent involved in the criminal justice system; or
- (VI) Have experienced disproportionate results in education due to historical practices, as identified by the State Board of Education by rule.
- (B) For the purpose of this paragraph, racial or ethnic communities that historically have been, or currently are, underrepresented or underserved include communities for which a statewide education plan has been developed and implemented.
- (g) A member of the youth advisory group may be selected for up to two terms. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the [*Deputy*] Superintendent of Public Instruction, in consultation with other members of the youth advisory group, shall make a selection to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.
- (3) The Department of Education shall ensure that each youth member of the youth advisory group:
- (a) Receives sufficient support to enable participation in youth advisory group meetings, including:
- (A) Reimbursement for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of official duties in the manner and amounts provided in ORS 292.495; and
- (B) Funding for any expenses not otherwise reimbursed under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; and
- (b) Has resources available to reimburse any adult who provides transportation or other supports in helping the youth member to participate in the youth advisory group.
- (4) The youth advisory group, with support from the Department of Education, shall take into consideration racial equity and justice and align with other statewide efforts for racial equity and justice when performing the following duties:
- (a) Developing the youth advisory group's goals, success criteria and progress measures related to youth and student leadership and engagement in the policymaking process in this state. When performing the duties described in this paragraph, the youth advisory group may modify the youth advisory group's decision-making process, scope of work, work plans and meeting structures, and the roles and responsibilities of youth advisory group members.
- (b) Examining current Department of Education, Youth Development Division and Oregon Health Authority initiatives and practices related to youth and student leadership and engagement in the policymaking process and making recommendations on how to elevate and support youth and student leadership and youth-led and student-led accountability in the policymaking process at the state and local level. When performing the duties described in this paragraph, the youth advisory group must give careful consideration to youth and student leadership and to engagement by youth described in subsection (2)(f)(A)(ii) and (iii) of this section. The youth advisory group may recommend methods for evaluating current initiatives, practices and progress relating to youth and student leadership and engagement at the state level.
- (c) Connecting with youth and student leaders and exploring youth and student leadership networks, including culturally and ethnically specific, community-based models and Youth Development Division programs, to identify best practices in youth-led and student-led accountability in this state and on a national level. Based on the performance of the duties described in this paragraph, the youth advisory group shall make recommendations to the State Board of Education, the Youth Development Council, the Legislative Assembly and the Governor on how to support youth and student leadership networks on a regional level for the purposes of connecting youths with youth organiza-

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tions, connecting students with student organizations, elevating youth and student leadership and voice and supporting youth-led and student-led accountability, with special consideration given to youth described in subsection (2)(f)(A)(ii) and (iii) of this section.

- (d) Helping the Department of Education, the Youth Development Division and the Oregon Health Authority with the surveys that are administered to youth and students by assisting with reviews of the findings and making recommendations on the content and administration of the surveys.
- (e) Evaluating current processes in this state to identify best practices for youth and students reporting a bias incident as defined in ORS 147.380 or a hate or bias crime. Based on the performance of the duty described in this paragraph, the youth advisory group shall make recommendations for providing support to youth and students who have experienced bias incidents or hate or bias crimes
- (f) Reporting on the youth advisory group's work, progress and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly and the Governor every two years and providing interim updates to youth and student leadership networks and organizations, education service districts, school districts and local entities that serve youth and students.
- (5)(a) The youth advisory group shall meet at least six times each year on the dates determined by a majority of the members of the youth advisory group. The youth advisory group shall also meet at other times specified or requested by a majority of the members of the youth advisory group.
- (b) The youth advisory group shall meet in the place and manner determined by a majority of the members of the youth advisory group. All or part of the members of the youth advisory group may attend the meetings electronically, unless otherwise provided by a majority of the members of the youth advisory group.
  - (6) The Department of Education shall:
  - (a) Provide staff support to the youth advisory group; and
  - (b) Support youth advisory group members in participating in the youth advisory group.

SECTION 44. The amendments to ORS 171.130, 171.133, 171.735, 173.130, 176.350, 240.205, 244.042, 244.050, 249.002, 249.056, 249.215, 251.170, 254.005, 254.650, 258.036, 258.055, 258.150, 260.005, 260.076, 292.010, 292.311, 292.316, 292.430, 292.930, 326.555, 327.506, 339.331, 343.465, 343.499, 357.021, 418.979, 461.180 and 660.505 and section 1, chapter 113, Oregon Laws 2018, section 1, chapter 54, Oregon Laws 2024, and section 4, chapter 95, Oregon Laws 2024, by sections 7 to 43 of this 2025 Act apply only to the Superintendent of Public Instruction who takes office on or after January 4, 2027.