

House Bill 3682

Sponsored by Representative HELFRICH; Representatives ELMER, HARBICK, JAVADI, MANNIX, RESCHKE, SCHARF, SKARLATOS, WRIGHT

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells LPRO to do a study on changing the timeline for passing the state budget. (Flesch Readability Score: 75.1).

Requires the Legislative Policy and Research Director to study changes necessary to adopt a policy of passing budget bills before passing other bills. Directs the director to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to ways and means not later than June 1, 2026.

Sunset on January 2, 2027.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to the state budget.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Policy and Research Director, in consultation with the**
4 **Legislative Fiscal Officer, shall conduct a study of the changes that would be necessary to**
5 **adopt a policy in Oregon that the Legislative Assembly must pass biennial budget bills before**
6 **passing other bills in an odd-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly.**

7 **(2) The study conducted under this section must include, without limitation:**

8 **(a) Analysis of any necessary statutory, constitutional, procedural, administrative or**
9 **other changes;**

10 **(b) Analysis of possible timelines for submission and approvals of proposed budgets within**
11 **the executive branch;**

12 **(c) Analysis of possible timelines for submission of a proposed budget from the executive**
13 **branch to the Legislative Assembly; and**

14 **(d) Proposals for legislative committee structures appropriate for analysis and prepara-**
15 **tion of budget bills.**

16 **(3) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the**
17 **director in conducting the study and, to the extent permitted by laws related to**
18 **confidentiality, to furnish information and advice necessary for the director to complete the**
19 **study.**

20 **(4) The director shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the in-**
21 **terim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to ways and means no later than June**
22 **1, 2026.**

23 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.