

HB 2481-6
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Requested by JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADDICTION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY RESPONSE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2481**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “health” insert “; creating new pro-
2 visions; and amending ORS 183.635”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 183.635 is amended to read:

5 “183.635. (1) Except as provided in this section, all agencies must use ad-
6 ministrative law judges assigned from the Office of Administrative Hearings
7 established under ORS 183.605 to conduct contested case hearings, without
8 regard to whether those hearings are subject to the procedural requirements
9 for contested case hearings.

10 “(2) The following agencies need not use administrative law judges as-
11 signed from the office:

12 “(a) Attorney General.

13 “(b) Boards of stewards appointed by the Oregon Racing Commission.

14 “(c) Bureau of Labor and Industries and the Commissioner of the Bureau
15 of Labor and Industries.

16 “(d) Department of Corrections.

17 “(e) Department of Education, State Board of Education and Superinten-
18 dent of Public Instruction.

19 “(f) Department of Human Services for vocational rehabilitation services
20 cases under 29 U.S.C. 722(c) and disability determination cases under 42
21 U.S.C. 405.

1 “(g) Department of Revenue.

2 “(h) Department of State Police.

3 “(i) Employment Appeals Board.

4 “(j) Employment Relations Board.

5 “(k) Energy Facility Siting Council.

6 “(L) Fair Dismissal Appeals Board.

7 “(m) Governor.

8 “(n) Land Conservation and Development Commission.

9 “(o) Land Use Board of Appeals.

10 “(p) Local government boundary commissions created pursuant to ORS
11 199.430.

12 “(q) Public universities listed in ORS 352.002.

13 “(r) Oregon Youth Authority.

14 “(s) Psychiatric Security Review Board.

15 **“(t) Oregon Health Authority, for purposes of contested case**
16 **hearings involving informed consent at the Oregon State Hospital.**

17 “[*t*] (u) Public Utility Commission.

18 “[*u*] (v) State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation.

19 “[*v*] (w) State Apprenticeship and Training Council.

20 “[*w*] (x) State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision.

21 “[*x*] (y) State Land Board.

22 “[*y*] (z) State Treasurer, except the State Treasurer shall use an admin-
23 istrative law judge for contested cases involving claims arising under ORS
24 98.302 to 98.436, 98.992 or 116.253 or any other claim to escheated or un-
25 claimed property.

26 “(3) The Workers’ Compensation Board is exempt from using administra-
27 tive law judges assigned from the office for any hearing conducted by the
28 board under ORS chapters 147, 654 and 656. Except as specifically provided
29 in this subsection, the Department of Consumer and Business Services must
30 use administrative law judges assigned from the office only for contested

1 cases arising out of the department's powers and duties under:

2 “(a) ORS 86A.095 to 86A.198, 86A.990 and 86A.992 and ORS chapter 59;

3 “(b) ORS chapter 455;

4 “(c) ORS chapter 674;

5 “(d) ORS chapters 706 to 716;

6 “(e) ORS chapter 717;

7 “(f) ORS chapters 723, 725 and 726; and

8 “(g) ORS chapters 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 737, 742, 743, 743A, 743B, 744,
9 746, 748 and 750.

10 “(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any proceeding in
11 which an agency is required to use an administrative law judge assigned
12 from the office, an officer or employee of the agency may not conduct the
13 hearing on behalf of the agency.

14 “(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 183.605 to 183.690, an
15 agency is not required to use an administrative law judge assigned from the
16 office if:

17 “(a) Federal law requires that a different administrative law judge or
18 hearing officer be used; or

19 “(b) Use of an administrative law judge from the office could result in a
20 loss of federal funds.

21 “(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Department
22 of Environmental Quality must use administrative law judges assigned from
23 the office only for contested case hearings conducted under the provisions
24 of ORS 183.413 to 183.470.

25 **“SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 183.635 by section 1 of this**
26 **2025 Act apply to contested case hearings occurring on or after the**
27 **effective date of this 2025 Act.”.**