

SB 28 and SB 284 are yet another example of the Democrat supermajority, this time in the person of Sen. Wagner, Sen. Jama, and Sen. Patterson, disrespecting Oregonians and our right to know what the Legislature under Democrat supermajority control is really doing before it is too late.

To all appearances, both SB 28 and SB 284 bills are so-called placeholder bills for subsequent “gut-and-stuff” legislative action by the Democrat supermajority:

SB 28

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Measures/Overview/SB28>

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2 Relating to health care.
3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**
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5 **submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations**
6 **for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health no**
7 **later than September 15, 2026.**
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Nonetheless, as of 2:40PM, Monday 3/31/2025, both bills are scheduled for a Public Hearing in just 3 days on Wednesday 4/3/2025 by Sen. Patterson’s Senate Committee on Health Care. Work Sessions have been scheduled for both bills the following Tuesday 4/8/2025. No amendments of any type have been posted for either. (OLIS itself under Democrat supermajority leadership is having operational problems as of this writing.)

This once again is evidence of behavior by our legislators that supports my call for the Democrat supermajority to immediately amend ORS 172.230 to explicitly provide that all records of the Legislative Counsel’s office and the Legislative Counsel Committee concerning a particular bill become public records accessible online at the OLIS Overview page for the bill, the moment a bill is entered on the legislative roster in OLIS for a session, i.e.:

2025 Regular Session

https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/listbills/CurrentSessionBills.html

and to remain a publicly-accessible record in OLIS for that bill as all other records do after the session is closed *sine die*, e.g.

2024 Regular Session

https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/listbills/2024R1SessionBills.html

I recognition of the subject and tactics of this specific bill, I call on Sen. Wagner, Sen. Jama, Sen. Patterson, Sen. Reynolds, Rep. Fahey, Rep. Bowman, and Rep. Nosse to show just some basic respect for Oregonians and our right-to-know by introducing and co-sponsoring this legislation.

Perhaps there is an appropriate “gut-and-stuff” placeholder bill available for that purpose.