



The League of Women Voters of Oregon, established in 1920, is a grassroots nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We envision informed Oregonians participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government to achieve the common good. LWVOR Legislative Action is based on advocacy positions formed through studies and member consensus. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

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To: [Representative Bowman](#), Chair, [House Committee On Rules](#)

Re: [HB 2006](#) – Limit odd year bills from Legislators to Legislative Counsel – **Comments in Support**

The League supports concepts within HB 2006, which would limit the number of measures legislators can send to Legislative Counsel for review during odd-year long sessions. Specific allocations are described in the bill. We support this concept on the basis of our positions for fiscal responsibility in government. We believe economy should be achieved by efficiency and responsible administration.

Considering the effective capacity of Oregon's non-partisan Office of Legislative Counsel (LC) merits review. Their 15 staffers, mostly attorneys and editors, provide legal advice, research and draft measures, and review administrative rules. They appear at hearings and publish legislation.¹ Their ORS Publications Program produces the 21-volume Oregon Revised Statutes, biennially, including Annotations and Index; Criminal Code of Oregon; Family Laws of Oregon; Landlord and Tenant Laws of Oregon; Labor, Employment and Workers' Compensation Laws of Oregon; and Essential Rules for Oregon Courts.²

HB 2006 would limit the number of bills sent to LC in the long (odd year) legislative sessions.

- 25 for Legislators. We understand that a few legislators submit much more heavily.
- 15 for Legislative Committees (exception for Joint Committee on Ways and Means.)
- The Senate President and Speaker of the House could allow additional measures for their respective members and committees and for the Governor and state agencies. This is important.
- 400, combined, for state agencies and the Governor, except for the Department of Administrative Services fiscal recommendations for the Governor's recommended budget measures.
- 25 each for the Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, and Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries.
- 100 for the Judicial Department.

We do not take a position on the specific numeric limits in the bill. From the staff summary, there were 5,094 in the last long session, with so many never progressing. This critical work requires painstaking staff analysis, including further consultation and amendments. This bill could ease the time available for thoughtful consideration through the course of reviewing legislation, from originating concepts, to LC, LFO, for fiscal impact statements, LRO for revenue impact, to committees, and including time for public input, too. We must recognize that time and energy, the number of bills we can read, is finite for all of us.

We urge your Support for HB 2006. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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¹ State Legislative Oversight: Oregon. Wayne State University, updated 2021. <https://levin-center.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/State-Oversight-Report-Oregon-updated-2021.pdf>

² Oregon State Legislature Legislative Counsel, Publication Services.
<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lc/Pages/PubServices.aspx>