

HB 4002 -2, -3, -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure limits the number of legislative measures for an odd-year long session that may be requested by members and committees of the Legislative Assembly, the Governor and state agencies, other statewide elected officials, the Judicial Department, and establishes exceptions to those limits. The measure applies to the 2027 regular session and all subsequent long sessions, declares an emergency, and is effective on passage.

Detailed Summary

- Sets limits on requests for the Legislative Counsel (LC) to prepare legislative measures for a long session to:
 - 25 for a member of the Legislative Assembly.
 - 15 for a legislative committee, except for the Joint Committee on Ways and Means (JWM).
 - A combined total of 200 for the Governor and state agencies, as defined by the measure, except for the Department of Administrative Services for measures to implement the Governor's recommended budget.
 - 15 for the Secretary of State.
 - 15 for the State Treasurer.
 - 15 for the Attorney General.
 - 15 for the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI).
 - 15 for the Judicial Department.
- Allows the House and Senate Committees on Rules to request additional measures for a member or committee of the Legislative Assembly, the governor or a state agency, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General, the BOLI Commissioner, or the Judicial Department.
- Allows a member or committee, upon the House's or Senate's passage of their measure (in first chamber), to request that LC prepare an additional measure and excepts such measures from introduction deadlines.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 The amendment changes the numerical limits on measures requested from LC in long sessions, modifies and replaces the exceptions thereto.

- Modifies the limit on requests to LC to:
 - 30 for a member of the Legislative Assembly.
 - 10 for a legislative committee, except JWM.
 - 5 additional measures for a legislative committee at the request of the chair and a minority member of the committee.
 - A combined total of 100 for the Governor and state agencies, as defined by the measure, except for the Department of Administrative Services for measures to implement the Governor's recommended budget.
 - 10 for the Secretary of State.
 - 10 for the State Treasurer.
 - 10 for the Attorney General.
 - 10 for the BOLI Commissioner.
 - 10 for the Judicial Department.
- Allows the President of the Senate to request 15 measures or joint resolutions and 20 resolutions or concurrent resolutions in addition to measures requested by members of the Legislative Assembly.

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- Allows the House Committee on Rules to request 15 measures or joint resolutions and 20 resolutions or concurrent resolutions in addition to measures requested by legislative committees.
- 3 The amendment, rather than imposing numerical limits, restricts the right to request measures in long sessions to members and committees of the Legislative Assembly. The measure thereby eliminates long-session measure requests to LC from the Governor and state agencies, other statewide elected officials, and the Judicial Department. The amendment also conforms statutory references.
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 - 10 for the Secretary of State.
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- Allows the President of the Senate to request 15 measures or joint resolutions and 20 resolutions or concurrent resolutions in addition to measures requested by members of the Legislative Assembly.
- Allows the House Committee on Rules to request 15 measures or joint resolutions and 20 resolutions or concurrent resolutions in addition to measures requested by legislative committees.
- Allows the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue and the House Committee on Revenue to each request 15 measures in addition to measures requested by legislative committees.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of the Legislative Counsel provides legal and publication services to the Legislative Assembly and its members and other agencies of state government. The office

- drafts measures and amendments for legislators, legislative committees and state agencies;
- provides legal advice to legislators and legislative committees;
- reviews state agency rules for legal sufficiency;
- prepares indexes and tables for legislative publications; and
- edits, publishes, sells and distributes the Oregon Revised Statutes, the official bound session laws and other print and electronic publications.

In an April 30, 2025, [budget presentation](#) to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means General Government Subcommittee, Dexter Johnson, Legislative Counsel, presented information on the number of LC draft requests received for long sessions from 2007 to 2023, which have ranged from 3,673 in 2009, to 5,209 in 2011. In 2023, the number of LC draft requests was 5,094.