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# Legislative Training: Part 1

## ★ Oregon Legislature 101



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# Agenda:



- Introduction to the Oregon Legislature
  - Key Terminology
  - Legislative Leadership
  - Legislative Process
  - Dates & Deadlines
  - Budget Process
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# Oregon's Legislature

- 30 Senators (4 yr terms) / 60 Representatives (2 yr)
  - Long Session
    - Odd years
    - 160 days
    - Biennial budget process
  - Short Session
    - Even years
    - 35 days
    - Minor budget adjustments
- Budget Must Balance
- Revenue Forecasting // Kicker
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## Key Terminology

LC = Legislative Concept = bill draft

LC = Legislative Counsel = bill drafters / lawyers

LFO = Legislative Fiscal Office = budget staff

LPRO = Legislative Policy & Research Office = committee staff

OLIS = Oregon Legislative Information System

POP = Policy Option Package = new funding request

ARB = Agency Requested Budget

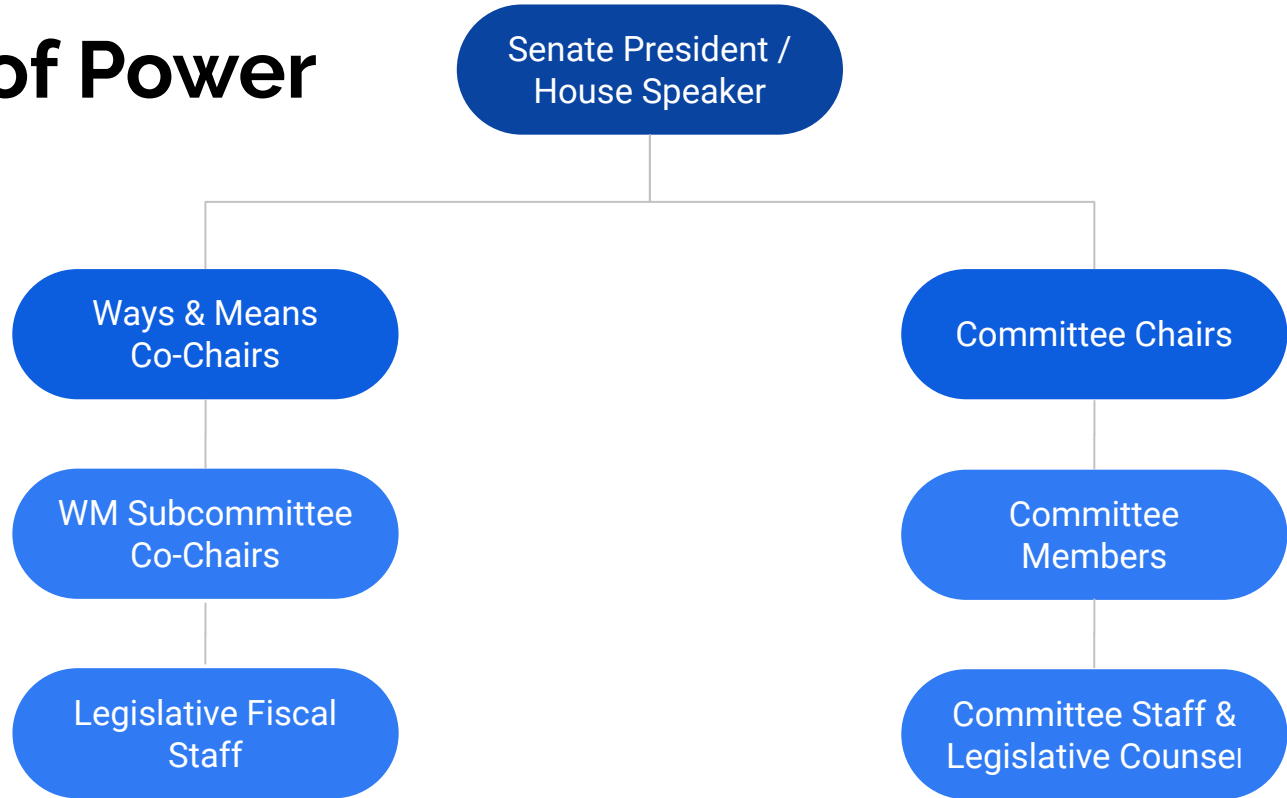
GRB = Governor's Requested Budget

DAS = Department of Administrative Services

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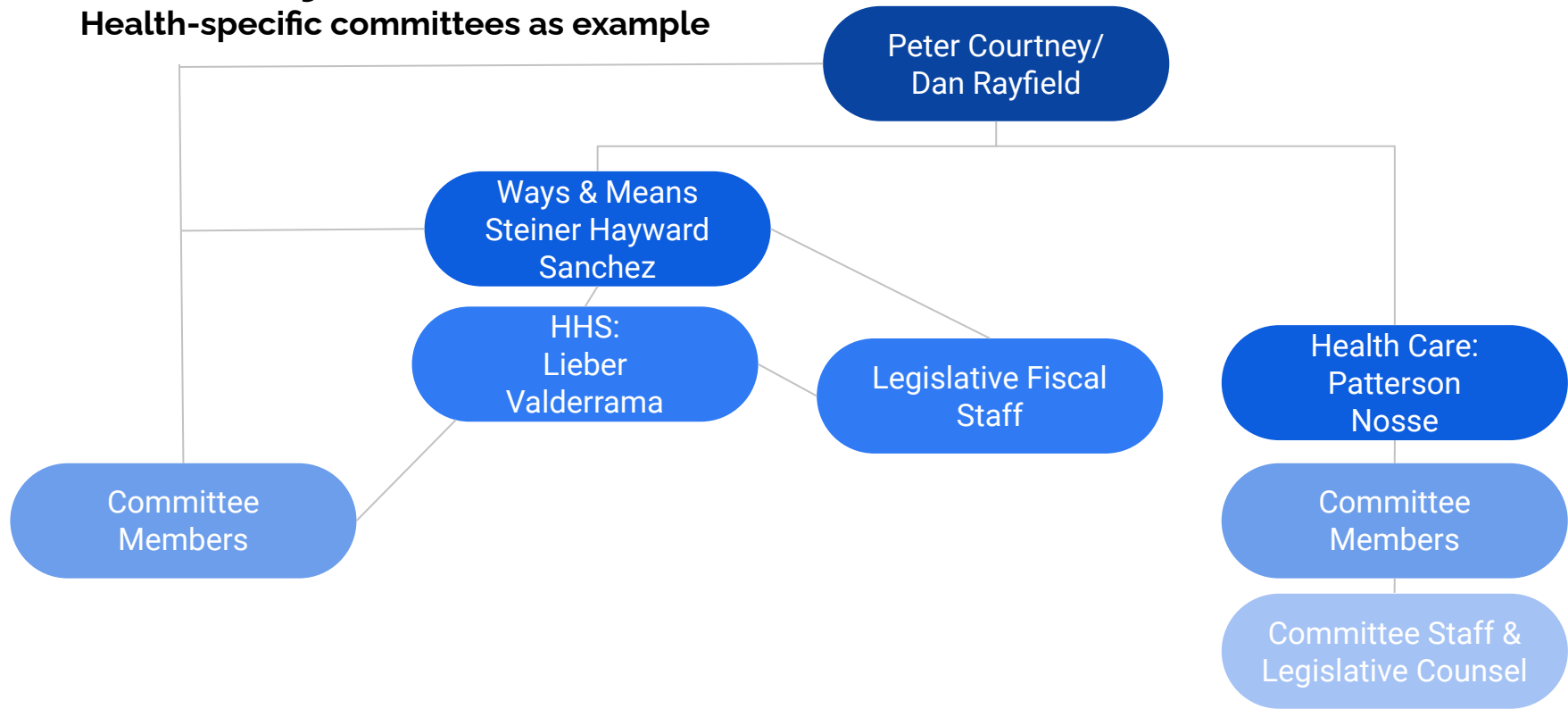
# Hierarchy of Power



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# Power Players: 2022

Health-specific committees as example



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# Policy Bills : The Process

## Introduction & Assignment

Bill is filed with Chamber. President / Speaker assign to committee

## Committee Hearing

Committee Chair decides if, when, and how a hearing will happen.

## Committee Work Session

Committee Chair decides if a bill is "ready" to pass. Must have FIS and RIS.

## Caucus & Floor

Most bills go to the floor for a vote. If controversial, can be reassigned.

## 2nd Chamber

## Committee Assignment

## Committee Hearing

## Committee Work Session

## Floor

## Governor

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# Fiscal Bills : The Process

Introduction &  
Assignment

Committee  
Hearing

Committee  
Work Session

Subsequent  
Referral

Ways & Means

Committee vote. Fiscal  
Impact Statement says  
bill will cost money.

Can be automatic or  
the decision of the  
President / Speaker

Assignment to WM  
Subcommittee

Sub-committee  
Hearing

Sub-committee  
Work Session

Full Ways &  
Means Work  
Session

Floor / Floor

If never assigned, likely  
dead. Must be  
assigned to a sub to  
move forward.

Will have the blessing  
of leadership to get a  
hearing

Vote

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The originating  
chamber's floor first,  
then the other, then the  
Governor.

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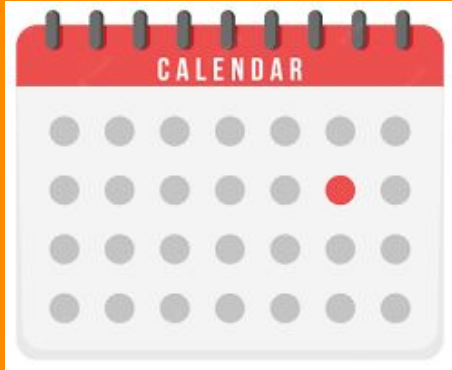
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## Legislative Calendar / Deadlines

- **Revenue Forecasts:** Nov. 16/May
  - **Measure Request Deadline:** Sept. 23
  - **Bill Pre-Session Filing Deadline:** Dec. 21
  - **Organizational Session Days:** week of Jan. 9
  - **Legislative Session begins:** Jan. 17
  - **1st Chamber deadline:** End of March
  - **2nd Chamber deadline:** End of May
  - **Constitutional Sine Die:** End of June
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# What happens between sessions?



- This time is called “the interim”
  - Legislative leaders issue an interim calendar
    - Quarterly Revenue Forecasts
    - Legislative Days
    - Bill request deadlines
  - Legislative Days
    - Committees hear updates from invited speakers
    - No voting except if the Emergency Board convenes
  - Emergency Board = E Board
    - Interim version of Ways & Means
    - Can allocate money without full body approval
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# Agency Budget Process

- ❑ Begins a full 2 years in advance of passage
- ❑ One year of internal discussions and prep
- ❑ ARB submitted to DAS 1 year in advance of passage
- ❑ DAS questions and may trim
- ❑ Submitted to the Governor's Office
- ❑ GRB issued Dec 1 of even years



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# Legislative Budget Process



- ❑ GRB is the starting point
  - ❑ Agency spends a month presenting to the subcommittee
  - ❑ WM Co-Chairs issue their budget framework
  - ❑ Leadership decides what the major priorities are; deals are struck
  - ❑ POPs are approved, trimmed, or cut
  - ❑ Final budgets are approved by the subcommittee, then full WM
  - ❑ End of Session Budget Bill = Christmas Tree Bill
  - ❑ Policy bills prioritized & costs tallied
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