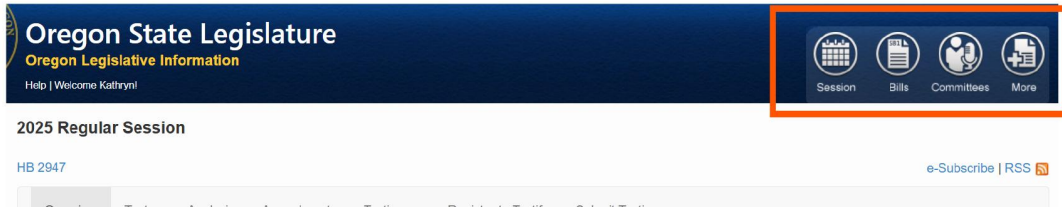


Using OLIS (Oregon Legislative Information System) to Get Involved in the Legislative Process

If this is your first time tracking bills in the Legislature, following is a brief primer on how to search for and weigh in on bills. To start, go to the [Oregon Legislative Information System](#), typically referred to as OLIS. At the top of the page you'll see four options, highlighted in the red box below.



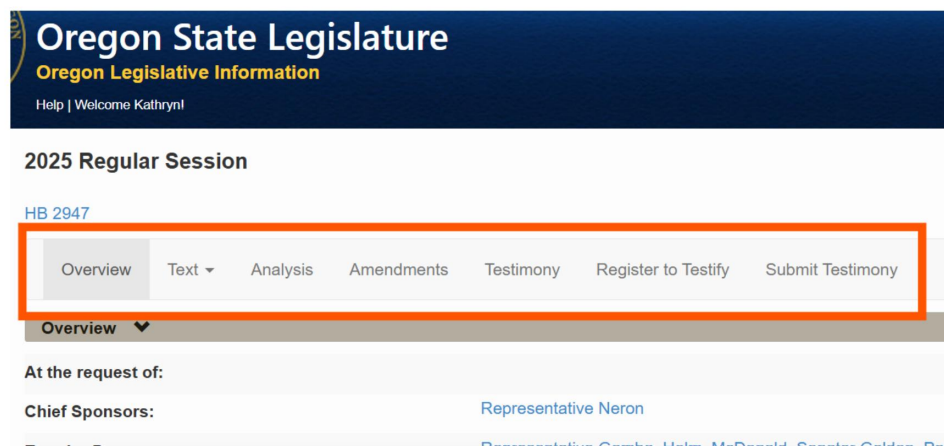
'Session' Button - This should automatically default to this session, 2025, but if you want to see bills and committees from previous sessions, you'll need to select the session here.

'Bills' Button - Here you can search for bills in a few different ways: by number, by keywords, or by legislator ("bill sponsor"). Once you click this button you'll see a few different options. Tip: If you want to search for topics over multiple sessions, you can select this button, choose "bill text" and then click "advanced search". This will take you to a page that searches over current and past sessions. Very helpful if you want to know more about the legislative history of a certain topic.

'Committees' Button - Here you'll find a list of the committees that are, or will potentially be, active this session.

'More' Button - Click it and explore!

Now, if you want more information on a specific bill, search for the bill in OLIS and its page will pop up. At the top of the page, you'll see this (the red box is my addition):



To see the actual language in the bill, select 'Text'. Under the 'Analysis' tab, you'll find different statements around the revenue, fiscal, and open government impacts, if any. Once a bill gets far enough along in the legislative process, staff will produce a "Staff Measure Summary", which can be found under this same tab. These summaries are really helpful for understanding a bill's purpose and impact. LPRO staff is great at breaking down complex bills into more understandable language in these reports.

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The 'Amendments' tab is an important one to check out for any ongoing updates to a bill. Sometimes an amendment will completely change the purpose and actions of a bill, so always check to see if there are any amendments.

The last three options on the menu are for weighing in on a bill. 'Testimony' allows you to see other written testimony that has been submitted. 'Register to Testify' is how you sign up to give spoken testimony on a bill when it's coming up for a public hearing. 'Submit Testimony' is how you can provide your own written testimony for a bill. Testimony is accepted until 48 hours after the beginning of the public hearing. For example, if a bill has a public hearing in a committee that starts at 8am Monday morning, you can submit testimony until 8am Wednesday morning.

To see the history of a bill and when it will have any upcoming hearings, on the 'Overview' tab, scroll down and you'll see a drop down menu for 'Measure History' and 'Scheduled Events'. Note that informational sessions on a bill, where there is no testimony, just background information provided by invited speakers, are not posted to OLIS, but can still be viewed in a committee's recorded meetings.

Subsequent Referral(s): [Joint Committee On Ways and Means](#)

Potential Conflicts of Interest/Vote Explanations: [Potential Conflicts of Interest/Vote Explanation Documents](#)

Measure History ▾

1-13 (H)	First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.
1-17 (H)	Referred to Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
2-10 (H)	Public Hearing scheduled. Register to Testify Submit Testimony

Scheduled Events ▾

Committee Meetings

Committee	Meeting Type	Date	Location
House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water	Public Hearing	02/10/2025 8:00 AM	HR D

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No Floor Sessions to Display

For a deeper dive on how to use OLIS, there are some [excellent resources](#) that go more in depth on all the tools and tricks of the system.