Participate in Democracy Monitor and Impact Oregon Legislature Activity

The Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS) offers a wealth of tools for researching the state of introduced legislation. But it can be tangled or confusing at times. The information below is not exhaustive, but may help you navigate this very accessible system. Further assistance can be found here,

Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS)

For top-level access to the functionality of the OLIS, click here. It's a good overview.

Monitor the current legislative session

<u>Daily Session Details</u> for the 2024 Oregon Regular Session of the legislature includes a list of meetings being held, readings of bills under consideration, and legislative reports issued. A complete list of bills introduced in the Senate and House this session are <u>here</u>

Monitor bills of interest

It's easy to access the introduced text, proposed and accepted amendments and status of each bill. You can also monitor committee votes. To locate this information go here. Enter the bill identifier, e.g. SB 1583, in the search box on the right. If you don't know the number of a bill, you can try searching using a word or phrase.

Bill Alerts - Stay Informed!

Your first step is to register <u>here</u>. After you confirm your registration, you can order emailed updates for specific bills that are of interest to you,

Submit Your Written Testimony Online

If you know the bill for which you want to submit testimony, in support or opposition, and the committee which is holding a public hearing, you can submit a <u>Testimony Submission Form</u>. Using this site, it is helpful to know the meeting time, but you can also search all scheduled meetings listed.

Alternatively, you can **go to the OLIS website** and click on the **Committees** icon (upper right corner of the screen). Then navigate to and select the Committee whose public hearing you will submit testimony to. On the **Committee Overview** page, use the **Click to Submit Testimony** link. Look for it at the bottom of the Staff list, a rather odd location. This also brings you to the <u>Testimony Submission Form</u> previously mentioned.

Written testimony may be submitted online from when a bill is first scheduled for a Public Hearing to up to 48 hours after the start time of the committee meeting during which the Public Hearing is held. Submissions are uploaded and available to legislators and the public in the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS). Use discretion with any personal information!

Submit Testimony In Person or Remotely

Detailed information for submitting testimony in person or remotely is found here. This is your most powerful means of voicing your opinion. Your testimony is personal, and of course, cannot speak for this branch of the NAACP unless otherwise qualified.

Watch a Committee Hearing

Live and archived <u>Legislative Video and Audio</u> is available For a list of committee meetings on a particular day, click <u>here</u>. Access live and recorded committee sessions by clicking the blue **Recorded Content** and **Live Content** Icons found in the **Meeting Location** column.

Contact your legislators

Find details **HERE**