State Legislative Quick Sheet

This sheet is intended as a static reference guide for EERI Citizen Advocates to understand their state legislative structure.

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LEGISLATURE

House of Representatives
60 Members, 2 year terms

Senate
30 Members, 4 year terms

Find your reps at:
https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/findyourlegislator/leg-districts.html

OREGON

MAJOR FAULTS:
- Cascadia Subduction Zone
- Juan de Fuca Plate subducts under North American
- Affected area can stretch from North CA to South BC

SIGNIFICANT SEISMIC HISTORY:
1993 – Mount Angel (M5.6)
1993 – Klamath Falls (M6.0)
1700 – Cascadia Subduction Zone (M9.0)
- Pacific Peril (2006)
- Cascadia Rising (2016)
- Oregon Resilience Plan
- Annual OR Shakeout Drill

SESSION

Oregon’s legislature meets every odd year for 160 starting in January, and every even year for 35 days starting in February.

Find the legislative calendars at:
https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/calendar

KEY DATES & COMMITTEES

The ideal time to suggest legislative ideas to your state representatives is from September to November prior to the Session’s start.

The following are some committees which consider seismic legislation:

House:
- Economic Development
- Energy and Environment
- Human Services and Housing
- Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Senate:
- General Government and Emergency Preparedness
- Housing and Development
- Labor and Business

Committee websites are found at: https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/committees

EERI Legislative Action Center

OR Legislative Database
https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws

Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC)
https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Councils-and-Committees/Pages/OSSPAC.aspx

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