

**Bill Drafts Requested by House Committees for Possible Consideration in February 2008 – 12/6/07**

Committee	Committee Bill – One bill for each committee that may contain more than one concept	Additional Requests – A committee may have more than one request
<b>Agriculture and Natural Resources</b>	Establish the Oregon Sustainable Agriculture Resource Center in the Department of Agriculture to provide information to Oregon farmers and ranchers on certification options.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With regard to hybrid poplars, authorize the Board of Forestry to modify or waive Forest Practices Act requirements for certain types of hardwood timber, including hybrid poplars harvested on a rotation cycle of 13 to 20 years after planting.</li> <li>2. Establish that a property line adjustment does not partition the land and establish limits on such adjustments. This would apply to county decisions only.</li> </ol>
<b>Business and Labor</b>	Allow employers to accommodate an employee’s use of medical marijuana by restricting such employees from performing hazardous duties.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remove current practice of establishing a non-limited expenditure in the OLCC agent compensation formula and establish a mechanism for an incentive program.</li> <li>2. Legislative response to <i>Mount Bachelor Sports Education Foundation v. Employment Department</i>.</li> </ol>
<b>Consumer Protection</b>	One bill including the following concepts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regulation of foreclosure consultants and equity purchasers.</li> <li>2. Required language on foreclosure notices.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase the authority of the Department of Consumer and Business Services over loan originators.</li> <li>2. Prevent recalled and dangerous toys and other children’s products from being sold in Oregon stores or to be used at daycare facilities.</li> </ol>
<b>Education</b>	One bill including the following concepts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Related to HB 2263(2007) allow districts to request a waiver under certain circumstances to use a vendor to administer a nationally-normed assessment to 10<sup>th</sup> graders.</li> <li>2. Related to SB 215(2007) address possibility of child living with someone other than a parent in order to attend a different school.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create a Farm-to-School and School Garden pilot program.</li> <li>2. Resolution in memory of Martha Anne Dow.</li> </ol>
<b>Elections, Ethics and Rules</b>	Resolve issue of Republican Presidential candidate being allowed on the General Election ballot after the deadline.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Allow Chief Petitioners to withdraw a petition after signatures have been submitted for verification.</li> <li>2. Possible technical amendments to Senate Bill 10 (2007).</li> <li>3. Memorial honoring the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes.</li> </ol>
<b>Emergency Preparedness/Ocean Policy</b>	Codify the Pacific Northwest Emergency management Arrangement, Annex B that make the agreement effective.	Relating to marine reserves, establish a site selection process that is legislatively and community driven; create a Science and Technical Advisory Committee within OPAC; and develop an outreach and education program.
<b>Energy and the Environment</b>	Require state agencies to prepare plans to enable the State to meet the greenhouse gas emission goals and report to the Global Warming Commission and the Legislative Assembly. Require the Governor and state agencies working on multistate and regional efforts to inform the Commission and Legislature	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Correct oversight in SB 704(2007) to ensure that all dentists implement and maintain best management practices of dental wastes and to have an amalgam separator if material containing mercury passes through a drain.</li> <li>2. Redraft HB 2876-A relating to energy usage in state buildings.</li> </ol>
<b>Government Accountability and Info Tech</b>	Redraft Senate Bill 1039(2007) with the intention of modifying language to include comprise with the Governor.	N/A

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<b>Health Care</b>	One bill including the following concepts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft a modified version of HB 3097(2007) that will leverage existing community resources; build on demonstration activities in Oregon; provide greater access to health care for children; and highlight discussions for improved delivery models for health care.</li> <li>2. Shore up the safety net.</li> <li>3. Improve Oregon’s health care delivery system for children.</li> <li>4. Improves access to the Oregon Health Plan for children by removing barriers to enrollment and retention.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Legislative referral to the November 2008 ballot that designates access to health care as a fundamental right of Oregon’s legal residents.</li> <li>2. Ballot title for the legislative referral.</li> </ol>
<b>Human Services and Women’s Wellness</b>	One bill to revise portions of HB 2687(2007) ( Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists) including the following concepts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eliminate language that requires specified investigation</li> <li>2. Prohibit unlicensed counselors from using “counselor” but allow A/D counselors to use “counselor” or “counseling”</li> <li>3. Allow students and interns to use “counselor” or “counseling”</li> </ol>	Measure that addresses safety and accountability issues in Oregon’s developmental disability system.
<b>Judiciary</b>	Amend Article 1, Section 42 and 43 of the Oregon Constitution	N/A
<b>Revenue</b>	Request to clarify how the estate tax exemption for natural resource property approved by the 2007 Legislature should be implemented.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Connect Oregon’s income tax code to changes in the federal code.</li> <li>2. Examine the flow of revenue into the Oregon Growth Account and its overall interaction with the Education Stability Fund.</li> <li>3. Expand the business energy tax credit to include investments in specific facilities that produce renewable energy resource equipment.</li> </ol>
<b>Rural Policy</b>	Request for a measure to stress increased communication between all stakeholders as a legislative package is being developed for 2009 and give strong consideration to the transportation infrastructure in rural areas that will soon lack federal support. *** Letter to Ways and Means supporting funding for the Office of Rural Policy and the Regional and Rural Investment Programs.	Memorial in support of rural Oregon and reauthorization of P.L. 106-393
<b>Transportation</b>	Correct unintended consequences from the drafting of two provisions of HB 2936(2007) – Changes are suggested for Section 2 and Section 4.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Require people seeking an Oregon driver’s license to provide proof that they are legally present in the United States as a prerequisite for licensure. This is a placeholder measure.</li> <li>2. Redraft HB 3020(2007) related to roadside memorials.</li> </ol>
<b>Veterans’ Affairs</b>	Develop a business repair fund for members of the Oregon National Guard and residents of Oregon who are members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard reserve who are called up to serve on active duty.	N/A
<b>Workforce and Economic Development</b>	N/A	Memorial to urge the President and Congress to designate Silver Falls State Park as a national park