

OREGON STATE BAR
LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL
Instructions

The Public Affairs Committee invites practice sections of the bar to submit Legislative Proposals for consideration by the Committee and the Board of Governors as part of the bar's Law Improvement Program. Law improvement legislation includes proposals to clarify statutory ambiguities, to modify unforeseen "glitches" in major legislation passed in previous sessions, and to codify case law as necessary.

Please submit this completed form to the Public Affairs Committee at pubaff@osbar.org. See *OSB Bylaws, Chapter 12, Legislation and Public Policy*.

Two primary criteria for Public Affairs Committee approval of a section or committee proposal are:

- (1) whether the proposal represents a consensus of the interests within a particular group, and
- (2) whether the proposal is balanced public interest response to the issues at hand.

Once approved, the bar's Public Affairs Department staff will work with the section to refine the proposal and advance it through the legislative process. Public Affairs staff assist sections and committees by notifying the legislative liaison of upcoming hearings, sending updates on the status of legislation, assisting sections in preparing for and giving testimony before a committee, acquainting legislators and staff with proposals, and dealing with technical aspects of the legislative process. For this purpose it is helpful for the section to designate a Legislative Liaison and perhaps a backup designee as well.

If you have questions or need information, feel free to contact program staff directly at 1-800-452-8260 or 503-620-0222, Dominique Rossi, ext. 317; Avery Pickard, ext. 378; or Matt Shields, ext. 358. Please let us know if your committee or section has specific needs or requests. We look forward to working with you.

Law Improvement Proposal form begins on the next page. Click on the shaded area to fill in your response.

**OREGON STATE BAR
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Part I – Legislative Summary**

Re:
Section Submitting:
Legislative Liaison(s)
 Name:
 Phone:
 Email:

1. Does Proposal amend current law?

Yes No

Additional Notes:

2. Problem that Proposals Seeks to Address

Please describe the effect in practice of the statutory error or ambiguity. Include any situational examples that may be helpful and include references to specific legal and/or statutory language that is relevant.

3. Proposed Solution

Please detail the proposed amendment to statutory or administrative language (or other proposed solution) that may adequately address the problem. It may be helpful to reference where in statute the proposed change might be incorporated, and the way in which proposed amendment avoided unintended consequences. Also include any alternative solutions that may be considered as well (i.e., changes in procedural or administrative rules).

4. Alternative Solutions

If it is possible that a non-legislative solutions (such as changes in procedural or administrative rules or an education or awareness effort) exists, please detail any such alternatives.

5. History of Activity Relating to Proposal

Please detail to the best of the section's knowledge any prior discussion (within section or section subcommittee, with the Court or other agencies, with policymakers or other stakeholder groups), workgroup activity, or prior introduced legislation or rulemaking efforts around this policy concept and/or the proposed solution.

6. Impacted Constituencies

Please discuss those constituencies that would be most impacted by this change and in what ways those groups would be impacted. Which stakeholders might support the proposal, and which stakeholders might oppose it?

Proponents' Main Arguments

Opponents' Main Arguments

7. Impact of Proposal

Please detail any broader positive impacts the proposed change would bring about- related, for example, to improved client service in the relevant practice area, enhanced consumer and/or access to justice features, court efficiency, etc. Please also include any potential negative impacts of proposed change. Please list the primary positive and negative impacts below.

Positive Impacts

Negative Impacts

OREGON STATE BAR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL Part II – Legislative Language

Please provide your legislative language below: