

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 317

By COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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- 1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “meetings” insert “; amending ORS 192.630”.
- 2 Delete lines 4 through 20 and insert:
- 3 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 192.630 is amended to read:
- 4 “192.630. (1) All meetings of the governing body of a public body shall be open to the public and
- 5 all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting except as otherwise provided by ORS 192.610
- 6 to 192.690.
- 7 “(2) A quorum of a governing body may not meet in private for the purpose of deciding on or
- 8 deliberating toward a decision on any matter except as otherwise provided by ORS 192.610 to
- 9 192.690.
- 10 “(3) A governing body may not hold a meeting at any place where discrimination on the basis
- 11 of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age or disability is practiced. However,
- 12 the fact that organizations with restricted membership hold meetings at the place does not restrict
- 13 its use by a public body if use of the place by a restricted membership organization is not the pri-
- 14 mary purpose of the place or its predominant use.
- 15 “(4)(a) Meetings of the governing body of a public body shall be held:
- 16 “(A) Within the geographic boundaries over which the public body has jurisdiction; [*or*]
- 17 “(B) At the administrative headquarters of the public body; [*or*]
- 18 “(C) At the [*other*] nearest practical location[.]; **or**
- 19 “(D) **If the public body is a state, county or city entity, within Indian country of a**
- 20 **federally recognized Oregon Indian tribe that is within the geographic boundaries of this**
- 21 **state. For purposes of this subparagraph, ‘Indian country’ has the meaning given that term**
- 22 **in 18 U.S.C. 1151.**
- 23 “(b) Training sessions may be held outside the jurisdiction as long as no deliberations toward
- 24 a decision are involved.
- 25 “(c) A joint meeting of two or more governing bodies or of one or more governing bodies and
- 26 the elected officials of one or more federally recognized Oregon Indian tribes shall be held within
- 27 the geographic boundaries over which one of the participating public bodies or one of the Oregon
- 28 Indian tribes has jurisdiction or at the nearest practical location.
- 29 “(d) Meetings may be held in locations other than those described in this subsection in the
- 30 event of an actual emergency necessitating immediate action.
- 31 “(5)(a) It is discrimination on the basis of disability for a governing body of a public body to
- 32 meet in a place inaccessible to persons with disabilities, or, upon request of a person who is deaf
- 33 or hard of hearing, to fail to make a good faith effort to have an interpreter for persons who are
- 34 deaf or hard of hearing provided at a regularly scheduled meeting. The sole remedy for discrimi-
- 35 nation on the basis of disability shall be as provided in ORS 192.680.

1 “(b) The person requesting the interpreter shall give the governing body at least 48 hours’ no-
2 tice of the request for an interpreter, shall provide the name of the requester, sign language pref-
3 erence and any other relevant information the governing body may request.

4 “(c) If a meeting is held upon less than 48 hours’ notice, reasonable effort shall be made to have
5 an interpreter present, but the requirement for an interpreter does not apply to emergency meetings.

6 “(d) If certification of interpreters occurs under state or federal law, the Oregon Health Au-
7 thority or other state or local agency shall try to refer only certified interpreters to governing
8 bodies for purposes of this subsection.

9 “(e) As used in this subsection, ‘good faith effort’ includes, but is not limited to, contacting the
10 department or other state or local agency that maintains a list of qualified interpreters and ar-
11 ranging for the referral of one or more qualified interpreters to provide interpreter services.”.

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