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# 2026 LEGISLATION ALERTS

This issue of *in*Brief lists some of the significant laws enacted by the 2026 Oregon Legislature. Bills are listed by area of law. The new legislation will take effect January 1, 2027, unless otherwise noted.

The 2026 *Oregon Legislation Highlights* published by the Oregon State Bar highlights approximately 50 bills and other measures that were passed by both houses of the legislature. Available at *osbar.org/pubaffairs*.

The Oregon legislature's website offers additional information that readers may find useful. Individual bills are hyperlinked to that bill's page in the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS), which contains additional information on that bill, including measure summaries written by legislative staff.
See *www.oregonlegislature.gov* for more information.

## Civil Litigation

- Recreational Immunity – SB 1517 (took effect April 7, 2026)
- Remedial Contempt – SB 1557 (took effect on June 5, 2026)
- Evidence of Immigration Status – HB 4111 (took effect June 5, 2026)
- Traffic Violations – HB 4137 (takes effect January 1, 2027)

## Commercial & Consumer Law

- AI Companion Platform Operators – SB 1546 (takes effect January 1, 2027)
- Data brokers – SB 1587 (took effect June 5, 2026)
- Ticket Resales – HB 4024 (took effect June 5, 2026)
- Consumer Finance Loans – HB 4116 (took effect June 5, 2026)

# Criminal Law

- Wrongful Conviction – SB 1515 (took effect April 7, 2026)
- Criminal Omnibus Bill – HB 4041 (became operative March 5, 2026, but some provisions do not take effect until January 1, 2027)
- Search Warrants – HB 4045 (took effect March 31, 2026)
- Arraignments – HB 4072 (took effect June 5, 2026)
- Criminal Background Checks – HB 4115 (took effect June 5, 2026)
- Law Enforcement Identification – HB 4138 (took effect March 31, 2026)
- Initiating a False Report – HB 4151 (takes effect January 1, 2027)
- Hearsay – HB 4157 (took effect on June 5, 2027)

# Family & Juvenile Law

- Foster Children – SB 1533 (took effect March 31, 2026)
- Marriage Licenses for Servicemembers – HB 4152 (takes effect January 1, 2027)

# Healthcare

- Healthcare Omnibus Bill – HB 4040 (took effect April 7, 2026)
- Medical Use of Marijuana – HB 4142 (took effect June 5, 2026, but operative provision takes effect January 1, 2027)

# Labor & Employment Law

- Companionship Services – SB 1518 (takes effect January 1, 2027)
- Workers' Compensation – SB 1519 (takes effect January 1, 2027, and applies to claims for compensation based on an injury date on or after January 1, 2027)
- Work Hours for Minors – HB 4013 (takes effect January 1, 2027)
- Wage Claim Criminal Penalties – HB 4089 (takes effect January 1, 2027)

## Landlord-Tenant & Real Property

- Real Estate Team Name – SB 1513 (took effect March 31, 2026, but operative provision takes effect July 1, 2027)
- Electronic Access to Residential Tenancies – SB 1523 (took effect June 5, 2026)
- Replacement Dwellings – SB 1561 (takes effect January 1, 2027)
- Action for Illegal Entry to Property – HB 4114 (took effect March 31, 2026)
- Smoking Policies in Residential Properties – HB 4120 (takes effect January 1, 2027)
- Confidential Tenant Information – HB 4123 (took effect June 5, 2026)
- Investor Purchases of Residential Property – HB 4128 (takes effect January 1, 2027)

## Taxation

- Connection to Internal Revenue Code – SB 1507 (took effect June 5, 2026)
- Tax Credits – SB 1510 (took effect June 5, 2026)
- Magistrate Division – SB 1556 (took effect June 5, 2026)
- Contractor Tax Compliance – HB 4016 (took effect June 5, 2026)
- Corporate Excise Tax – HB 4052 (took effect June 5, 2026)
- Transient Lodging Tax – HB 4134 & HB 4148 (both took effect June 5, 2026)