

GOVERNANCE

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Redistricting (Norman Turrill)

There was no progress in this legislative session on an independent redistricting commission. The [People Not Politicians](#) coalition will now have to decide what to do with [IP 16](#).

Campaign Finance Reform (Norman Turrill)

[HB 2680 A](#), which would have established a small donor matching program, died in W&Ms because Senate leadership opposed it. The more comprehensive contribution limits bills, [HB 3343](#) (Salinas, Clem) and [SB 336](#) (Golden), also died in committee. Since no campaign finance bill passed this session(!), watch for an initiative petition campaign to soon be organized.

Election, Privacy & Cybersecurity (Becky Gladstone)

For the closing week, no bills moved here, though [we testified](#) on [HR 6](#), which got a first reading four days before Sine Die and a House Rules public hearing and work session scheduled for two days later, where it passed despite a strict partisan divide. HR 6 was a statement of the values of [HB 2337](#), with which it shared a relating clause, "Declaring racism as a public health crisis in Oregon", but had been scrubbed of all action, which the [League had supported](#), thanks to Bill Walsh's work in Social Policy.

Rights of Incarcerated People (Marge Easley)

[SJR 10 Enrolled](#), a proposed amendment to the Oregon Constitution, passed the House on June 22 and will appear on the ballot in 2022. It removes the exception for criminal punishment in the section dealing with slavery prohibition. The original bill was amended to ensure that the courts, probation authority, or parole agency can continue to order a convicted person to engage in education, counseling, treatment, community service or other alternative to incarceration. For a good discussion on the historical context and racist underpinnings of the criminal punishment clause, it is worthwhile to watch the June 18 House Rules Committee [hearing](#) on the bill.

A companion bill, [SJM 2 Enrolled](#), urging Congress to remove a similar clause in the 13th Amendment to the US Constitution, passed the Legislature on June 2.

Other Election Issues (Chris Cobey)

[SB 259 Enrolled](#) modifies statutory deadlines for redistricting of congressional districts and judicial review. *June 25: Signed by the Governor.*

SB 500 Enrolled establishes Public Records Advocate as an independent office within the executive department. *June 26: Signed by House Speaker and Senate President.*