

Stop the Walkouts. Stop the Gridlock.

Over the past three sessions lawmakers have walked off the job, fleeing the state and shutting down the legislature. In 2021, even as Oregon continued to be in the midst of the COVID pandemic, Republican senators walked off the job again. Now, as it's becoming increasingly clear that voters oppose walkouts, they are trying a different tactic: requiring pages and pages and pages of proposed legislation to be read aloud before passage, taking hours—sometimes days—and throwing the legislature into gridlock.

Oregonians have had enough. That's why a growing coalition is supporting the following ballot measures:

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Walkout Accountability Constitutional Amendments

[LEGISLATORS GET TO WORK,
STAY AT WORK 1](#)

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Extends the legislative session in the event of a walkout; lawmakers with unexcused absences will incur fines of at least \$500 per day and lose all salary, per diem, and expense reimbursements; in the event of a walkout longer than five days, the quorum requirement is changed to a simple majority; and prohibits lawmakers with 10 unexcused absences in one session from running in the next election.

Legislative Modernization / Walkout Accountability Constitutional Amendments

STOP PARTISAN GRIDLOCK

• Prior to final passage, bills publicly available for review at least twenty-four hours in advance of the vote on final passage do not need to be read aloud. If not posted, simple majority to suspend the current reading requirement.

STOP THE WALKOUTS, STOP THE PARTISAN GRIDLOCK 1

• Extends the legislative session in the event of a walkout and prior to final passage, bills publicly available for review at least twenty-four hours in advance of the vote on final passage do not need to be read aloud. If not posted, simple majority to suspend the current reading requirement.

STOP THE WALKOUTS, STOP THE PARTISAN GRIDLOCK 2

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1,000 sponsorship signatures collected:

LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY 1 (IP 14)

• Prohibits lawmakers with 10 unexcused absences in one session from running in the next election.

LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY 2 (IP 15)

• Lawmakers with unexcused absences will incur fines of at least \$500 per day and lose all salary, per diem, and expense reimbursements; prohibits using political contributions to defray lost salary, per diem, expenses.

The No More Costly Walkouts Coalition believes that people elected to office should do their jobs. Members include Fair Shot Oregon, Forward Together Action, Next Up Action Fund, Oregon Education Association, Oregon League of Conservation Voters, Oregon Wild, Our Oregon, Planned Parenthood Action PAC of Oregon, SEIU.