

APPENDIX E

REDRAFTS OF BILLS FROM PREVIOUS SESSIONS

Do not assume that a bill is ready for introduction merely because it was introduced in a prior legislative session. The fact that a bill was introduced and not passed could mean that it was rejected due to flaws in the draft. Or, the bill might have been drafted in a very short time right before a deadline and thus did not receive the drafting attention it deserved. Always do the following with a bill from a previous session that you are asked to “redraft”:

1. Confirm that the bill did not become law.
 - Check the bill-to-chapter tables in the back of the session laws or in ORS volume 20.
 - Check key words on STAIRS (in case the bill failed, but the substance of it got stuffed into another bill that passed).
 - Check STAIRS for references to repealed, renumbered or relettered sections or references to terminology changed by the draft since new references may have been created during the previous sessions(s).
2. Look up each statute amended or repealed in the bill; look up statutes surrounding statutes amended or repealed in the bill.
 - Make sure the statute still exists.
 - Look at the source note to determine if the statute was amended in the previous session(s). If it was amended, look at the amendments in the session laws to see if those amendments affect the amendments in the draft. Do any of the sections require additional amending (because of new material or conflicting changes)? Are the sections still appropriate, or could they be deleted?
 - Look at statutes surrounding the statutes amended or repealed in the bill. Have changes to them affected the way the draft should be written?
 - Re-retrieve sections to be amended. (Never copy amended sections from the old bill, even if the section was not amended in the previous session or sessions. The section could contain editorial changes made during compilation or retrieval.)

3. Review citations, official titles, etc., in new material.
 - Some citations may no longer apply because of amendments, or the statutes cited may have been repealed, renumbered or codified.
 - Some official titles may be incorrect because the agency was abolished or renamed. See the preface in ORS volume 1 for official name changes.
4. Watch for dates that may need to be changed.
5. Watch for references to “this (year) Act.”