

Appendix E: Research Guides

Legislative Counsel Research Guide

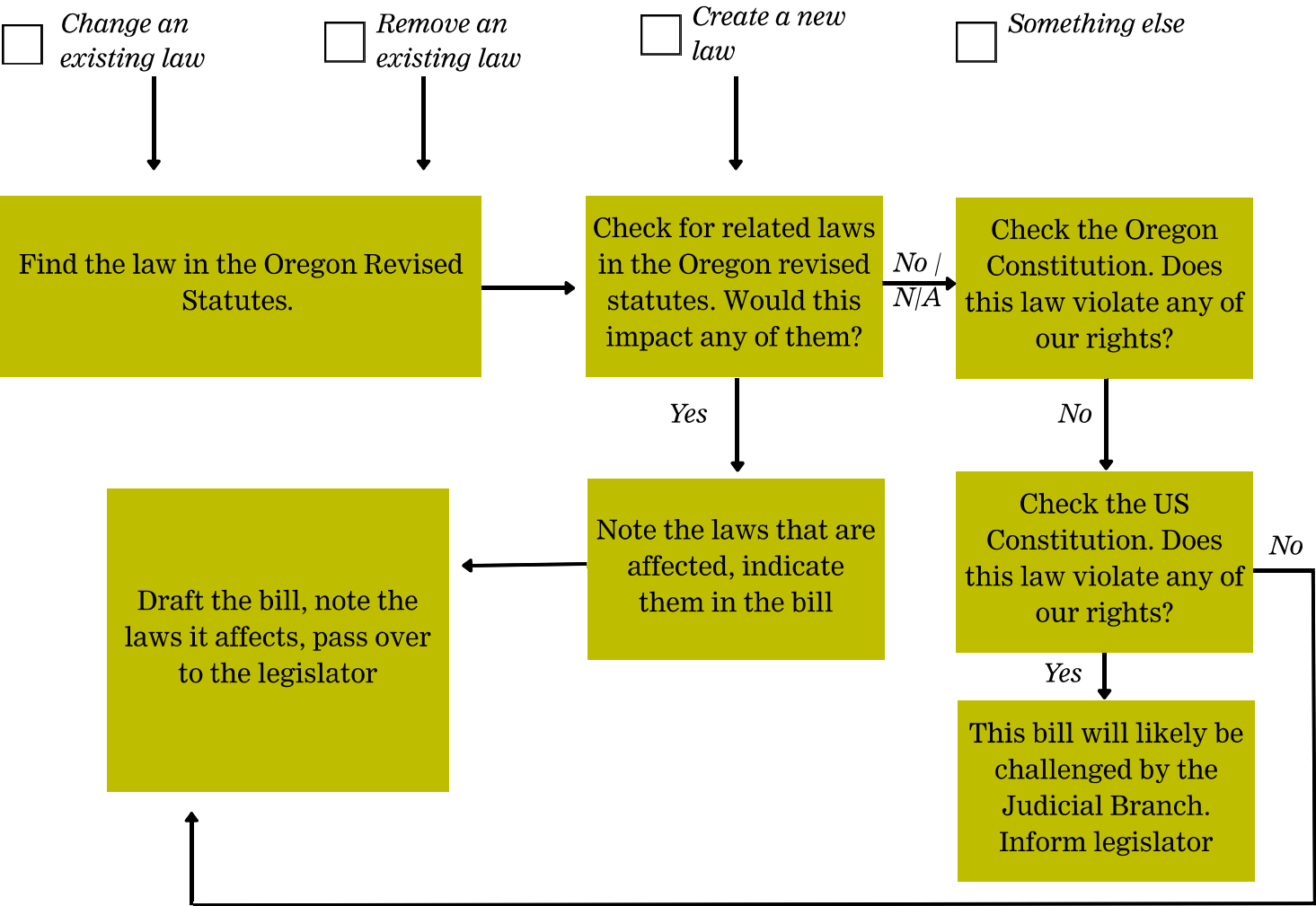
What is Legislative Counsel? Leg Counsel, or LC, is the office that does the legal legwork for the legislature. They draft bills so that they are clear and interpreted correctly, they provide legal opinions, and they write all amendments to bills. To learn more about Legislative Counsel, visit their website: <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lc>

Bill Drafting

Legislators will ask you to draft a bill based on their idea.
Identify the main idea of their request

Bill hypothesis

What does this bill do?



Appendix F: Bill Amendment Tracking

How to Track Bill Changes

During Committee

Senators/Reps

Designate a *Committee Member* to note any approved changes to the bill:

- Strikethrough language that needs to be removed
- Circle and note actions like “define,” “reword to make clearer,” “add full list affected cities,” etc.
- Draw arrows to places where a clause needs to be added

Be sure that any changes to the bill that change meaning, how it is used, or how it effects the target issue are voted on by the committee. A simple majority decides.

Non-Partisan Staff

Designate a *Leg Counsel* member to also note changes during the committee meeting

After Committee

The designated Leg Counsel member redrafts the bill:

- To include all changes
- To edit for clarity, intentionality