

Summary of process for Assembly scrutiny of Public Bills

Bill introduced by Member in Charge



Business Committee decides whether to refer Bill to responsible committee (and set deadline for committee to report)

Stage 1 General Principles

↓ Yes

Responsible committee consults and takes evidence.

Publishes its Stage 1 Report



↓ No

Assembly agrees general principles of Bill?

No ⇒ **Bill falls**

↓ Yes

Progresses to Stage 2

Stage 2 Line by line scrutiny

Amendments ⇒

Detailed consideration by committee

Stage 3 Line by line scrutiny

Amendments ⇒

Detailed consideration by Assembly

Further Stage 3 (optional) Line by line scrutiny

Amendments ⇒

Member in Charge or Government only

Detailed consideration by Assembly

Report Stage (optional) Line by line scrutiny

Amendments ⇒

Detailed consideration by Assembly

Further Report Stage (optional) Line by line scrutiny

Amendments ⇒

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Detailed consideration by Assembly

Stage 4 Debate on passing Bill

Motion to pass Bill agreed? No ⇒ **Bill falls**

↓ Yes

Bill becomes an Act

**(and if no legal challenge)
Royal Assent**

