Summary of process for Senedd 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
Senedd agrees general principles of Bill?

No ⇒ Bill falls

Stage 2
Line by line scrutiny

Amendments ⇒
Senedd agrees a Financial Resolution for the Bill within 6 months?

No ⇒ Bill falls

Stage 2
Line by line scrutiny

Amendments ⇒
Detailed consideration by committee

Stage 3
Line by line scrutiny

Amendments ⇒
Detailed consideration by Senedd

Further Stage 3 (optional)
Line by line scrutiny

Amendments ⇒
Member in Charge or Government only

Detailed consideration by Senedd

Report Stage (optional)
Line by line scrutiny

Amendments ⇒
Detailed consideration by Senedd

Further Report Stage (optional) Line by line scrutiny

Amendments ⇒
Member in Charge or Government only

Detailed consideration by Senedd

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