



# North Dakota Legislative Council

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## LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENT DRAFTING STATISTICS

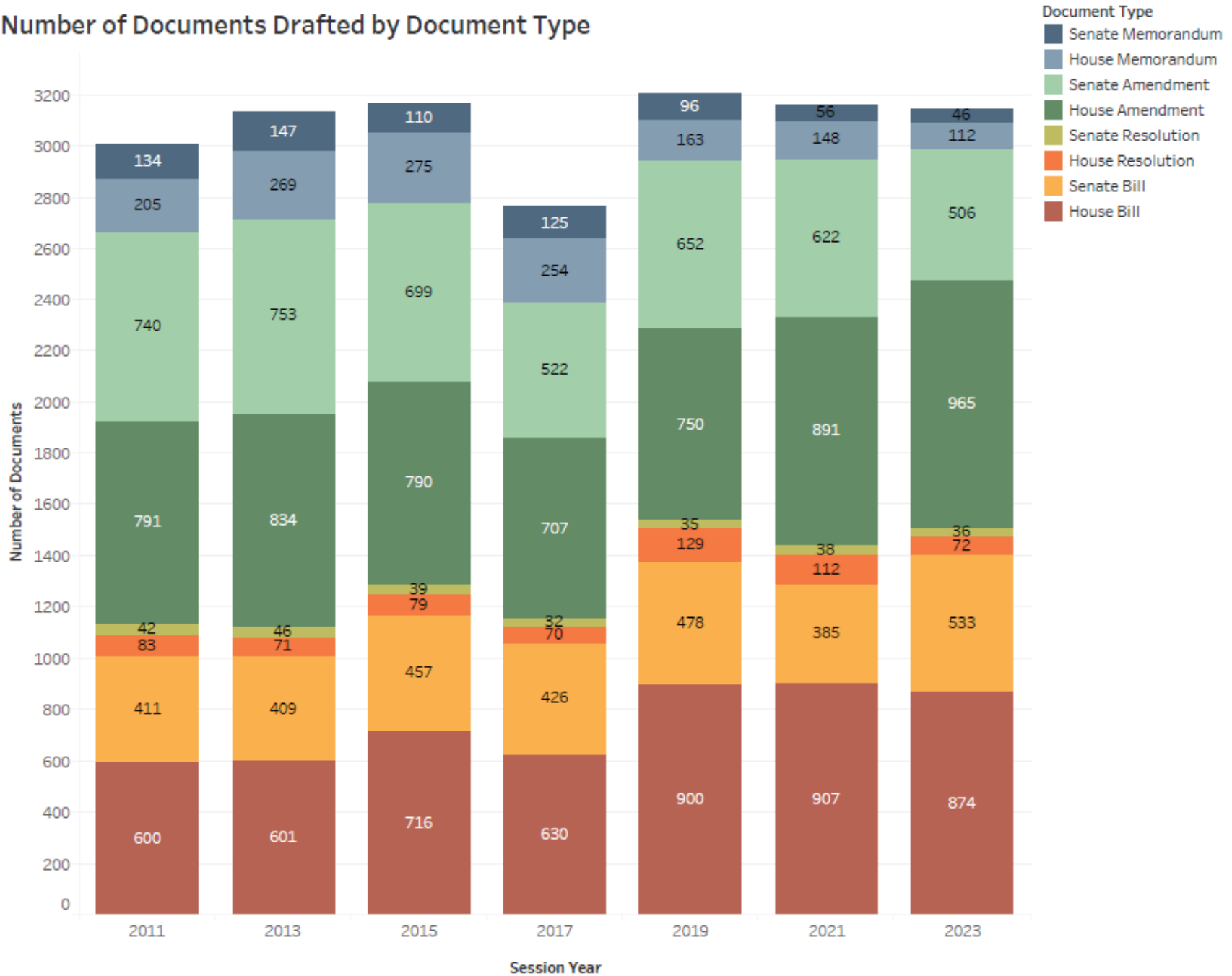
This memorandum provides information on the number of bill drafts, resolution drafts, amendments, and memorandums prepared by the Legislative Council staff over the past seven legislative sessions. The information is broken down further by documents drafted for senators and documents drafted for representatives. With the exception of occasional drafting completed by division heads, the documents listed in the following table were drafted by the Legislative Council's seven attorneys and seven fiscal analysts.

Session Year	Number of Documents Drafted by Document Type												Combined Total
	Bill Drafts <sup>1</sup>			Resolution Drafts <sup>1</sup>			Amendments			Memorandums			
	House	Senate	Total	House	Senate	Total	House	Senate	Total	House	Senate	Total	
2011 <sup>2</sup>	600	411	1,011	83	42	125	791	740	1,531	205	134	339	3,006
2013	601	409	1,010	71	46	117	834	753	1,587	269	147	416	3,130
2015 <sup>2</sup>	716	457	1,173	79	39	118	790	699	1,489	275	110	385	3,165
2017	630	426	1,056	70	32	102	707	522	1,229	254	125	379	2,766
2019	900	478	1,378	129	35	164	750	652	1,402	163	96	259	3,203
2021 <sup>2</sup>	907	385	1,292	112	38	150	891	622	1,513	148	56	204	3,159
2023 <sup>2</sup>	874	533	1,407	72	36	108	965	506	1,471	112	46	158	3,144

<sup>1</sup>Data listed for bill drafts and resolution drafts count each version of a bill or resolution draft as a separate document.

<sup>2</sup>Data listed for the 2011, 2015, 2021, and 2023 sessions is inclusive of documents drafted for the 2011, 2016, 2021, and 2023 special sessions.

### Number of Documents Drafted by Document Type



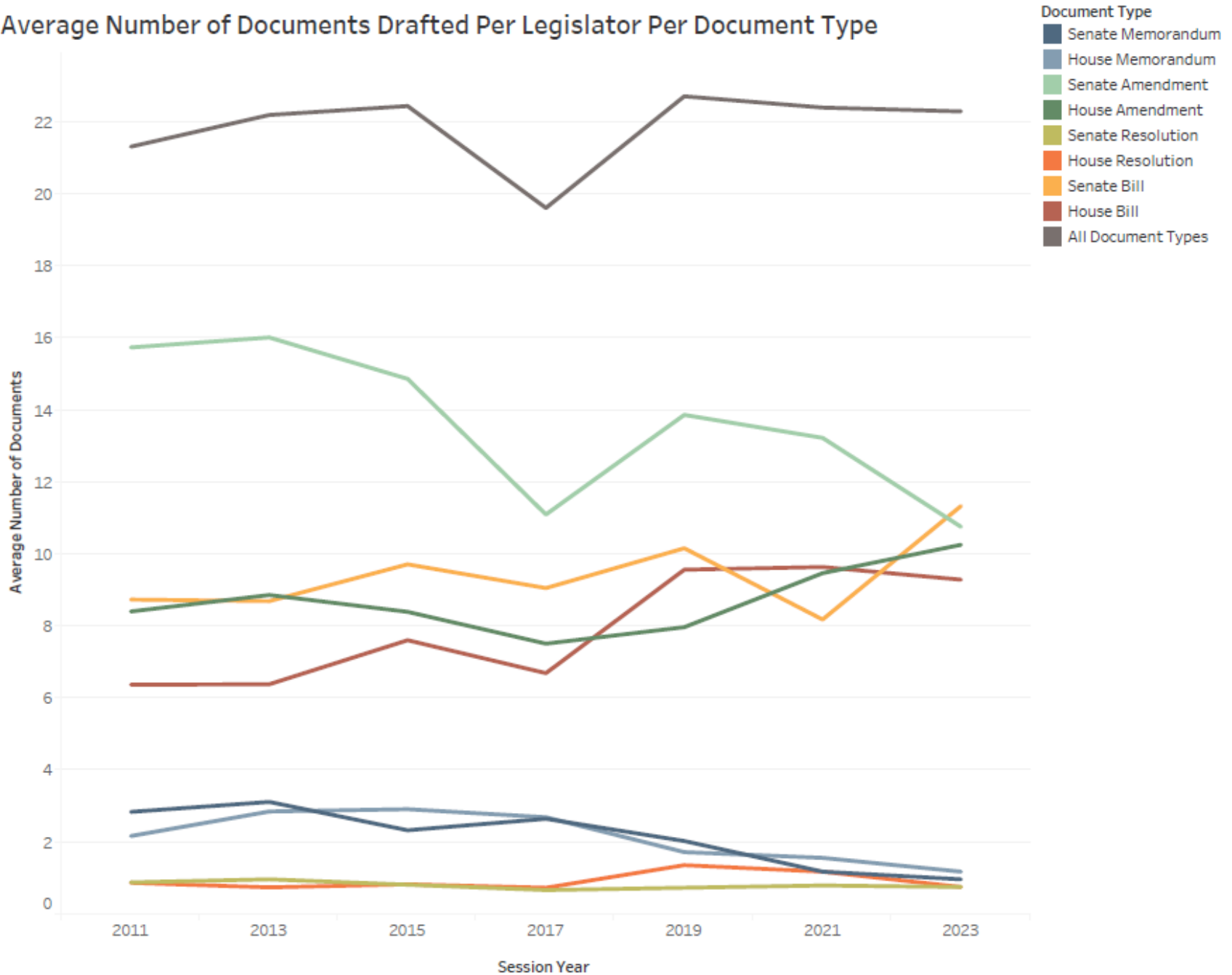
The following table provides the average number of bill drafts, resolution drafts, amendments, and memorandums drafted per legislator per session. The data is broken down further by the averages relating to documents drafted for senators and the averages for documents drafted for representatives.

Average Number of Documents Drafted Per Legislator Per Document Type													
Session Year	Bill Drafts <sup>1</sup>			Resolution Drafts <sup>1</sup>			Amendments			Memorandums			Combined average
	House	Senate	Both Houses	House	Senate	Both Houses	House	Senate	Both Houses	House	Senate	Both Houses	
2011 <sup>2</sup>	6.38	8.74	7.17	0.88	0.89	0.89	8.41	15.74	10.86	2.18	2.85	2.40	21.32
2013	6.39	8.70	7.16	0.76	0.98	0.83	8.87	16.02	11.26	2.86	3.13	2.95	22.20
2015 <sup>2</sup>	7.62	9.72	8.32	0.84	0.83	0.84	8.40	14.87	10.56	2.93	2.34	2.73	22.45
2017	6.70	9.06	7.49	0.74	0.68	0.72	7.52	11.11	8.72	2.70	2.66	2.69	19.62
2019	9.57	10.17	9.77	1.37	0.74	1.16	7.98	13.87	9.94	1.73	2.04	1.84	22.72
2021 <sup>2</sup>	9.65	8.19	9.16	1.19	0.81	1.06	9.48	13.23	10.73	1.57	1.19	1.45	22.40
2023 <sup>2</sup>	9.30	11.34	9.98	0.77	0.77	0.77	10.27	10.77	10.43	1.19	0.98	1.12	22.30

<sup>1</sup>Data used to arrive at the averages for bill drafts and resolution drafts counted each version of a bill or resolution draft as a separate document.

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### Average Number of Documents Drafted Per Legislator Per Document Type



The following tables provide the number of senators and representatives who have requested bill and amendment drafting, broken out by the number of senators or representatives who have requested bills and amendments within specified sets of document volume ranges:

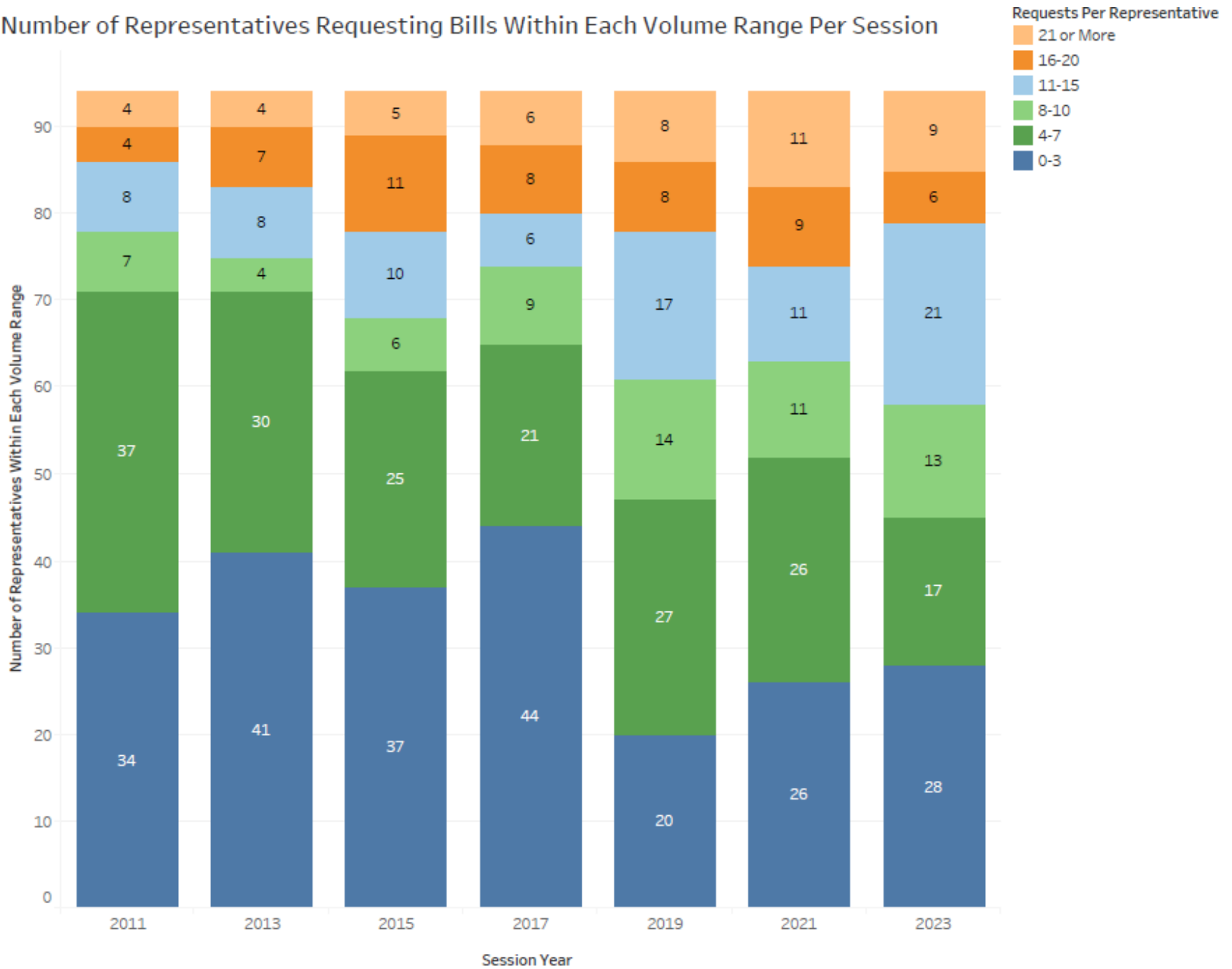
House Members							
Number of Bill Drafts <sup>1</sup> Requested	Number of Representatives Requesting Bill Drafts Within Each Volume Range - Per Session						
	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021	2023
0-3	34	41	37	44	20	26	28
4-7	37	30	25	21	27	26	17
8-10	7	4	6	9	14	11	13
11-15	8	8	10	6	17	11	21
16-20	4	7	11	8	8	9	6
21 or more <sup>2</sup>	4	4	5	6	8	11	9
Number of Amendments Requested	Number of Representatives Requesting Amendments Within Each Volume Range - Per Session						
	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021	2023
0-3	44	34	34	41	32	39	33
4-7	14	24	29	20	26	15	15
8-10	13	10	7	11	6	12	14
11-15	10	8	10	9	17	12	9
16-20	5	6	7	4	9	8	7
21 or more <sup>3</sup>	8	12	7	9	4	8	16

<sup>1</sup>Data used to provide the figures for bill drafts counted each version of a bill draft as a separate document.

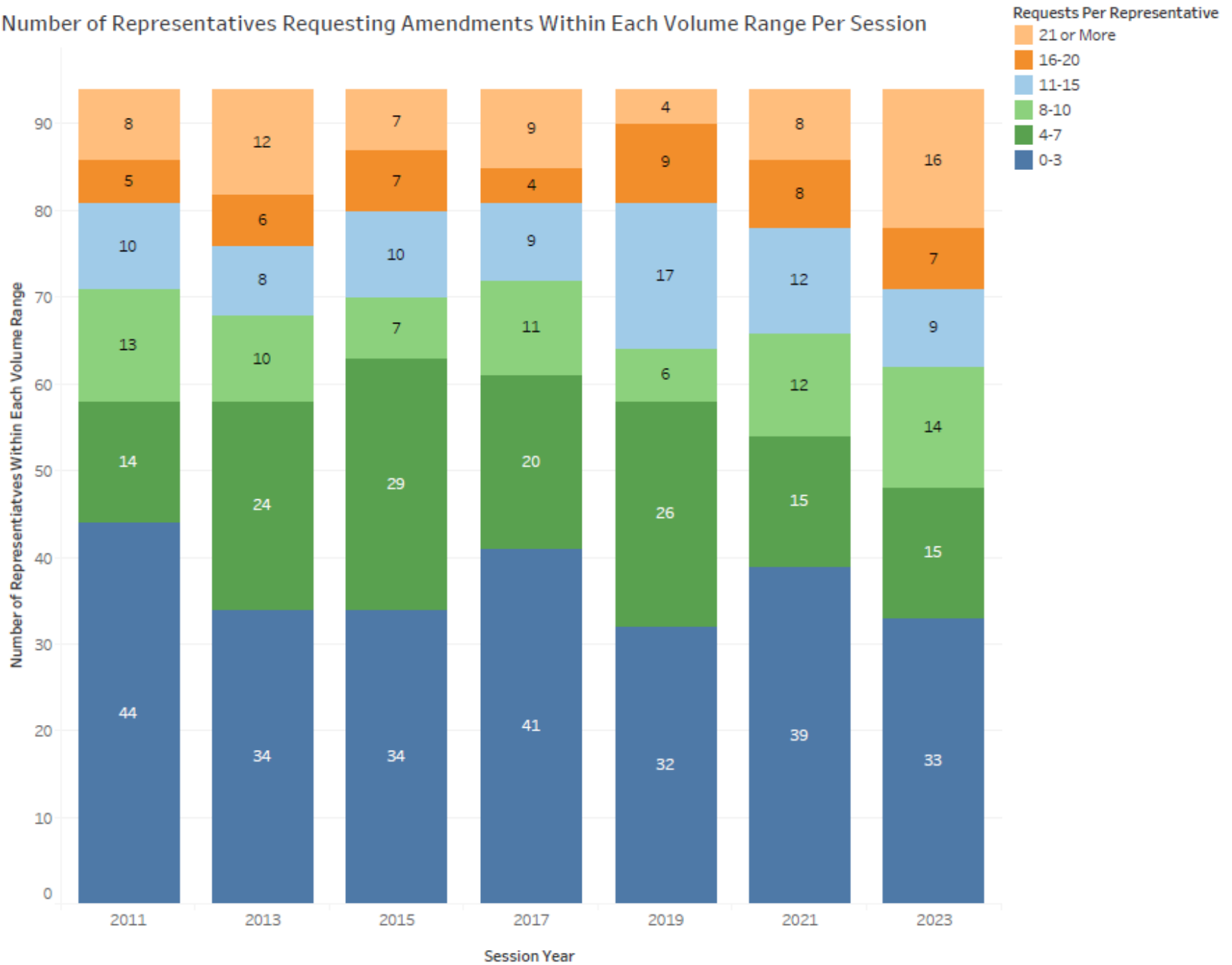
<sup>2</sup>The largest number of bills requested by any single representative was 41 in 2011, 32 in 2013, 43 in 2015, 32 in 2017, 41 in 2019, 54 in 2021, and 34 in 2023.

<sup>3</sup>The largest number of amendments requested by any single representative was 49 in 2011, 43 in 2013, 46 in 2015, 45 in 2017, 52 in 2019, 73 in 2021, and 48 in 2023.

Number of Representatives Requesting Bills Within Each Volume Range Per Session



Number of Representatives Requesting Amendments Within Each Volume Range Per Session



<b>Senate Members</b>							
<b>Number of Bill Drafts<sup>1</sup> Requested</b>	<b>Number of Senators Requesting Bill Drafts Within Each Volume Range Per Session</b>						
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2023</b>
0-3	10	11	7	11	9	12	9
4-7	16	16	16	16	11	12	13
8-10	9	7	10	6	11	11	8
11-15	7	6	9	7	6	6	9
16-20	3	3	1	4	4	4	2
21 or more <sup>2</sup>	2	4	4	3	6	2	6
<b>Number of Amendments Requested</b>	<b>Number of Senators Requesting Amendments Within Each Volume Range Per Session</b>						
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2023</b>
0-3	7	8	5	12	9	10	17
4-7	9	7	12	11	9	12	6
8-10	10	6	6	10	3	3	4
11-15	6	7	5	3	9	3	8
16-20	3	5	8	2	7	8	4
21 or more <sup>3</sup>	12	14	11	9	10	11	8

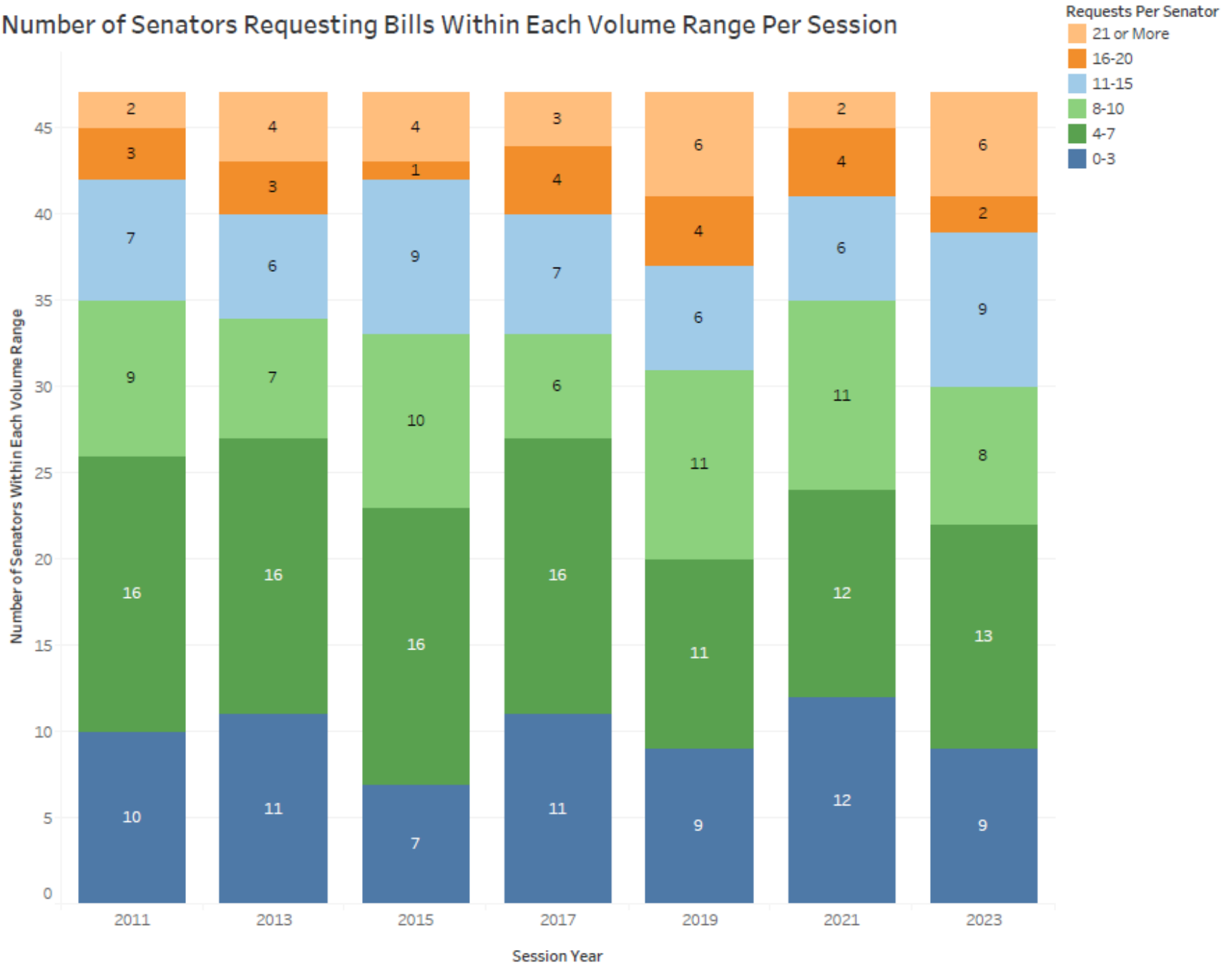
<sup>1</sup>Data used to provide the figures for bill drafts counted each version of a bill draft as a separate document.

<sup>2</sup>The highest number of bills requested by any single senator was 39 in 2011, 32 in 2013, 37 in 2015, 32 in 2017, 31 in 2019, 28 in 2021, and 42 in 2023.

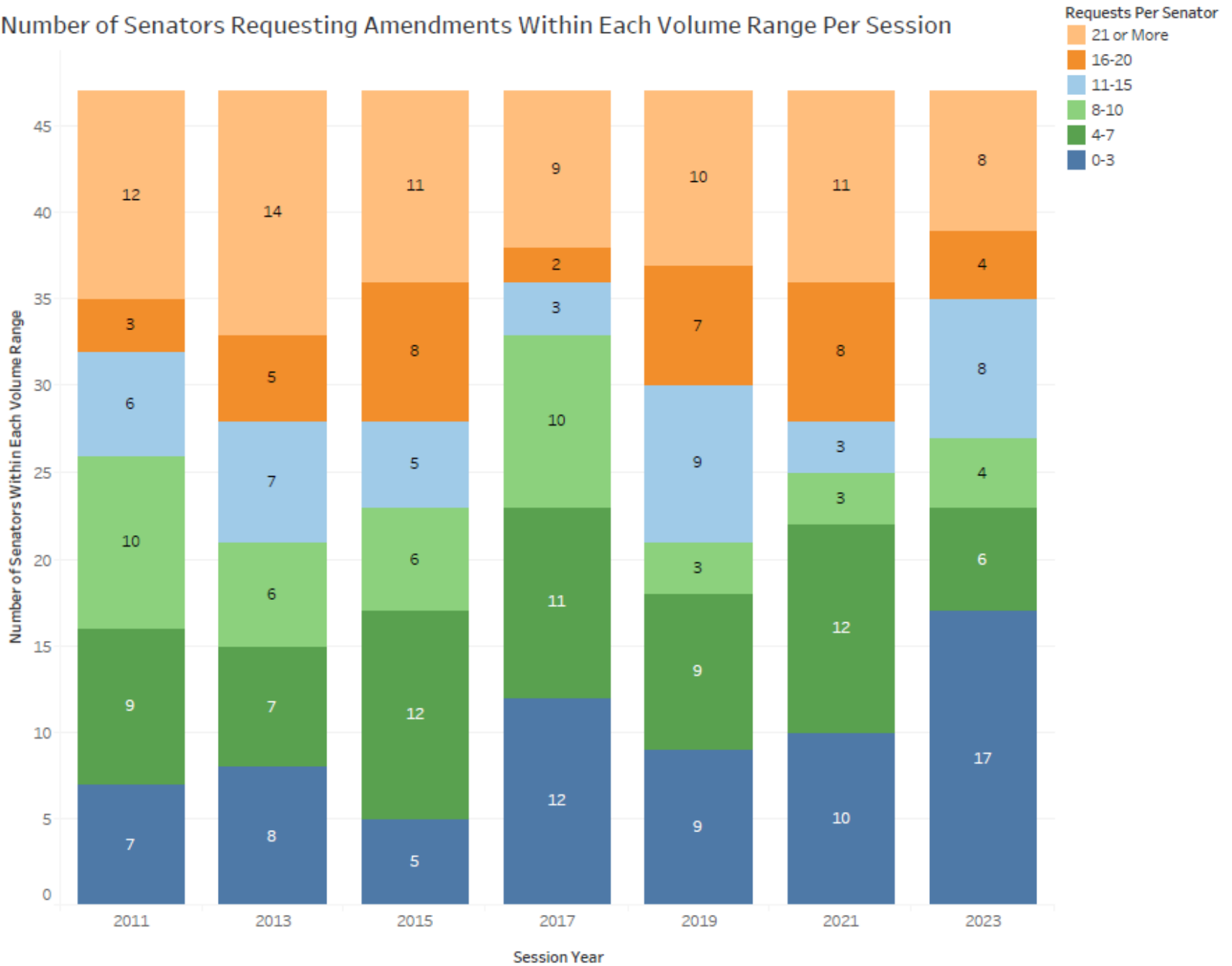
<sup>3</sup>The highest number of amendments requested by any single senator was 68 in 2011, 69 in 2013, 68 in 2015, 48 in 2017, 47 in 2019, 42 in 2021, and 39 in 2023.



Number of Senators Requesting Bills Within Each Volume Range Per Session



Number of Senators Requesting Amendments Within Each Volume Range Per Session



The following table provides the number of bills introduced and the number of bills passed during the 2011 through 2023 legislative sessions:

<b>Number of Bills Introduced and Passed During the 2011 Through 2023 Legislative Sessions</b>									
<b>Session Year</b>	<b>House</b>			<b>Senate</b>			<b>Total</b>		
	<b>Introduced</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Percent Passed</b>	<b>Introduced</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Percent Passed</b>	<b>Introduced</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Percent Passed</b>
2011 <sup>1</sup>	477	276	58%	371	244	66%	848	520	61%
2013	467	272	58%	375	233	62%	842	505	60%
2015 <sup>1</sup>	476	268	56%	378	217	57%	854	485	57%
2017	435	232	53%	344	211	61%	779	443	57%
2019	545	291	53%	360	238	66%	905	529	58%
2021 <sup>1</sup>	516	289	56%	351	233	66%	867	522	60%
2023 <sup>1</sup>	549	346	63%	398	258	65%	947	604	64%

<sup>1</sup>Data listed for the 2011, 2015, 2021, and 2023 sessions is inclusive of bills introduced and passed during the 2011, 2016, 2021, and 2023 special sessions.

### Number of Bills Introduced and Passed During the 2011 Through 2023 Legislative Sessions

