THE LIBRARY OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF CHILE

A new tool for the legislative process for the Congress of Chile

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The National Congress of Chile

A bicameral legislature composed by the Chamber of Deputies and by the Senate

Handles more than 500 bills each year
What is the priority level for a bill?

**The priority of a bill, its urgency, is determined by the President**

“Urgency”, “Simple”, “High” or “Immediate Discussion”

**And influenced by Senate or the Chamber of Deputies, and voters, NGOs**

They are often complex documents, and most of them are not reader friendly and quite difficult to understand by a layperson.
How the Library of the National Congress relates to the legislative process?

The Library of the National Congress (BCN) works to support the Parliamentary Community, as well as making the legislative process more transparent and accessible to citizens.
What do we do as an advisory service?
1. BCN has focused on developing the means to support and facilitate the process through which a bill becomes a law

2. Show an effective and efficient way to track a complex bill

3. Provide the parliamentarian with data needed to make informed decisions

4. Increases citizen participation, and ...

5. Uses technology as a tool for reaching out to citizens