



Multnomah County State Legislative Agenda 2018

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2018 Legislative Session

Committee hearings and floor sessions will begin on February 5th.

President Courtney has replaced Sen. Devlin as Senate Ways and Means Co-Chair.

2 new Senators and 4 new Representatives.

Last day to sine die is March 9th.



PRIORITIES

Protect County Safety Net Programs

With a possible State General Fund reduction, vital safety net programs provided by the county need to be protected.

Take Action on Housing and Homelessness

Increase state funding for construction of new affordable, supportive housing, sheltering people experiencing homelessness and housing placement and eviction prevention. Restrict no-cause evictions and lift the preemption on local government regulation of rent increases.

Fund Behavioral Health

Fill the large gaps in mental health service availability and improve the quality of services.

Prevent Gun Violence

Keep firearms away from potentially dangerous individuals by closing loopholes.



IMPORTANT ISSUES

Health

Strengthen efforts to reduce opioid crisis addiction.

Expand regulation of tobacco sales to curb youth smoking.

Protect health care access to children and all Oregonians.

Human Services

Fight poverty with jobs, training and needed services.

Public Safety

Shift public safety funds from expensive incarceration to effective supervision.

Sustainability

Protect Oregonians from toxics in the air and water.

Improve efforts to fight climate change, reduce carbon emissions and create clean energy jobs.

Transportation

Seek funding for Burnside Bridge seismic safety improvements.



Questions?

