



MULTNOMAH COUNTY OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

# OREGON'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

## 2025



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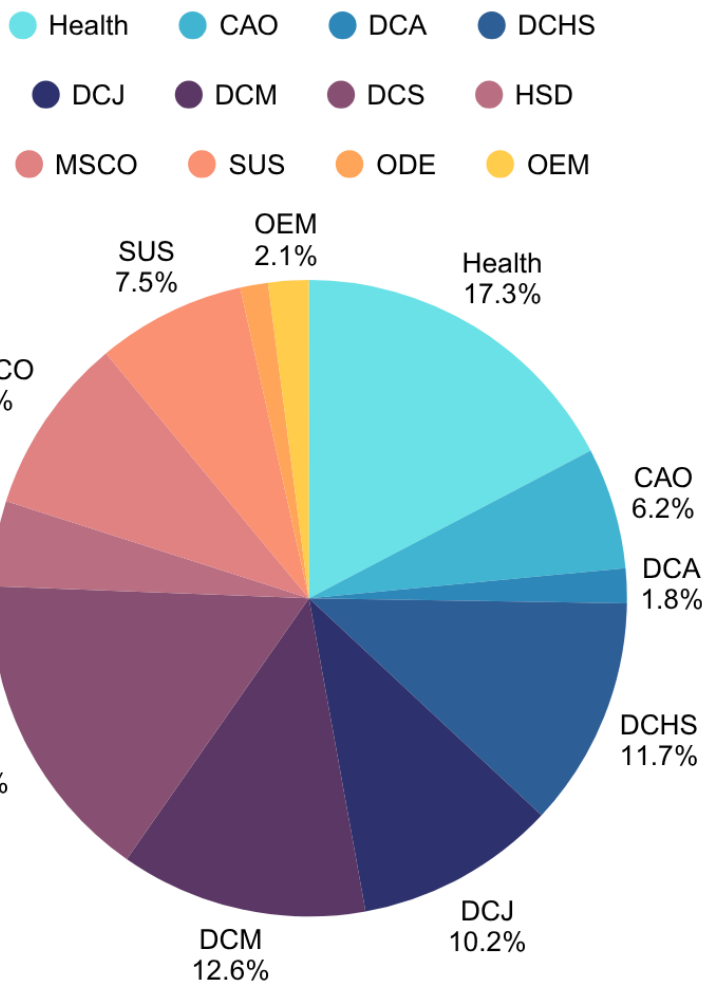
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## By the Numbers



3,466

Measures introduced

853

Measures passed by the House

772

Measures passed by the Senate

47

Number of legislative committees

158 days

Number of days in session

1679

Number of bills tracked by the county



# INTRODUCTION

## Legislative Session Recap

The 2025 Legislative Session convened on January 21, 2025. As required by the Oregon Constitution and legislative rules, sessions in odd-numbered years are limited to 160 days.


At the beginning of the session, the Governor and legislative leadership framed their top priorities around the core issues of transportation funding, education funding and accountability, housing and homelessness resources, and expanding access to behavioral health treatment. A positive revenue forecast in February led to general optimism that the Legislature would have adequate resources to invest in these key priority areas, despite the lack of one-time pandemic relief funds.

Within the first several weeks of the session, it became apparent that legislators were on track to file a record number of bills. The volume of bills strained the legislative process and made it more difficult for the Legislature to focus on the most pressing issues.

The tone of the session changed for the worse after the May revenue forecast, which showed a drop in estimated budgetary resources and, therefore, less flexibility to allocate funds for session priorities. The decline in the revenue forecast was exacerbated by concerns about reduced federal funding for critical services. Budget writers set aside a larger share of resources than usual in savings to give themselves more flexibility in the uncertain federal landscape.

The county's top budget priorities for the session were community corrections, homeless services, and behavioral health treatment. The county sought an additional \$25 million investment in homeless services in a joint request with the City of Portland. The county also pursued \$20 million in lottery bond funding to support the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project; \$6 million in general funds for outreach, violence prevention, and intervention services for youth in East Multnomah County; and \$1.75 million in general funds for a Medicaid Eligibility Pilot program in Multnomah County. (Cite: [2025 State Legislative Agenda](#))

Ultimately, community corrections did not receive the funding it needed, as demonstrated by a rigorous cost-study of services. Funding for homeless services, including shelter, rent assistance, and rehousing ended up falling short of the Governor's recommended budget. Additionally, the legislature chose to not fund outreach, violence prevention, and intervention services for youth in East Multnomah County and the proposed Medicaid Pilot project. The Legislature did provide \$65 million in funding to behavioral health treatment access.



While the Legislature had made transportation funding the signature session priority, legislators failed to pass any new transportation investments for the state or local agencies. After months of closed-door negotiations, the committee working on the issue published the transportation package bill, HB 2025, on June 9 — 20 days before the constitutionally-mandated end of the session. The bill could not navigate the process and political hurdles in time, leaving transportation funding as unfinished business.

In the very last week of the session, a Senate committee considered a proposal that would have eliminated Multnomah County's Preschool for All program (PFA) and the County's ability to collect that income tax. County commissioners and our community rallied against the bill and strongly in support of PFA. As a result, the bill did not move forward this session.

The County tracked approximately 1,670 bills with potential impact on county operations, securing key investments and monitoring potential challenges to County services.

The session adjourned on Friday, June 27, 2025, two days ahead of the constitutional sine die.

*Revised on August 5, 2025*





# LEGISLATIVE & BUDGET PRIORITY BILLS BY AREA

## Invest in Oregon's Behavioral Health System

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### Behavioral Health Civil Commitment and Aid and Assist

**HB 2005** Updates Oregon's behavioral health laws by clarifying when individuals can be ordered into treatment based on danger to self or others, inability to meet basic needs, or chronic mental illness. Revises court procedures for individuals found unfit to stand trial and establishes time limits for restoration services. Expands land use zones where treatment facilities can be sited and allocates funding to community mental health programs and public defense services. Passed the Senate with 20 Ayes and 9 Nays. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

### Inclusion of Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors in Mental Health Coverage

**HB 2013** Expands the definition of mental health treatment providers to include outpatient facilities that employ certified alcohol and drug counselors within a certified substance use disorder program. This change ensures these facilities are recognized for insurance coverage purposes related to mental health treatment. Passed the Senate with 26 Ayes and 4 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 28, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

### Behavioral Health Workforce Incentive and Retention Grants

**HB 2024** Appropriates \$5 million from the General Fund for a grant program at OHA for the public behavioral health system to offer loan forgiveness, tuition assistance, stipends, and more to their employees to help in the effort for worker retention. Additionally, appropriates \$1M for the United We Heal Trust, a program for participating providers to offer wage increases and workforce incentives while leveraging federal matching funds. HB 2024 passed the Senate with 20 Ayes, 9 Nays, and 1 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025. **(Board Agenda)**

### Community Mental Health Program Funding and Cost Study

**HB 2056** Appropriates \$65 million from the General Fund dollars to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for distribution to community mental health programs. The bill also requires OHA to conduct a study on the costs associated with these programs and report findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health by September 15, 2026. HB 2056 passed the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care. It was then referred to Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**



## **Residential Behavioral Health Capacity Program**

**HB 2059** HB 2059 makes a one-time \$65 million General Fund appropriation to the Oregon Health Authority to establish the Residential Behavioral Health Capacity Program. Funding is to be distributed to behavioral health programs to fund facilities related to withdrawal management, residential treatment, and psychiatric inpatient care. HB 2059 passed the Senate with 20 Ayes, 9 Nays, and 1 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025. **(Board Agenda)**

## **Improving Safety for Behavioral Health Workers**

**HB 2203** Requires behavioral health employers to develop and implement written safety plans and provide safety training for employees. The bill directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to award grants for conducting risk assessments and enhancing the physical safety of behavioral health workplaces. It also provides whistleblower protections by entitling employees to reinstatement with back pay if unlawfully retaliated against. The bill mandates multiple state agencies—including OHA, ODHS, DCBS, and OSHA—to study the safety of behavioral health workers and report to the Legislature by September 15, 2026. HB 2203 passed the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care. It was then referred to Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

## **Enhancing Coordination in Community Health Improvement Plans**

**HB 2208** Requires coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to work with local public health authorities, mental health programs, planning committees, and hospitals to develop community health assessments and health improvement plans. These plans must incorporate any behavioral health plans required by law or OHA. OHA must adopt rules aligning community health improvement plans with other planning/reporting requirements. Passed the Senate with 29 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Excused. Effective on passage.


## **Improving Payment Structures for Community Health Workers**

**HB 2216** Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to evaluate both fee-for-service and non-fee-for-service payment methods used for community health workers serving Oregon Health Plan members. The bill seeks to identify improvements that ensure sustainable funding. OHA is also directed to provide technical assistance to Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs), other service providers, and community health worker organizations in developing appropriate billing systems or alternative payment structures. HB 2216 passed the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care. It was then referred to Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Clarifying Standards for Civil Commitment of Individuals with Mental Illness**

**HB 2467** HB 2467 modifies the circumstances when an individual with a mental illness may be detained and committed to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for involuntary





treatment. The measure modifies the definition of “person with mental illness” to an individual who has a mental illness and is in need of treatment and also creates definitions for “physical harm” and “serious physical harm”. Additionally, the measure provides that the court, upon hearing the evidence as outlined by the measure, must make a determination by clear and convincing evidence that the individual has a mental illness and is in need of treatment. HB 2467 passed the House Committee on Judiciary and the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety. It was returned to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Behavioral Health System Study**

**HB 2480** Permits the Oregon Public Guardian and Conservator to provide guardianship services to defendants whose criminal proceedings have been suspended because the defendant lacks fitness to proceed. Establishes a liaison position within the Oregon Health Authority to assist with the transition of defendants from commitment to a state hospital or other facility to treatment services in the community and changes the term “community restoration services” to “treatment services.” Provides guidance on what a court may consider when determining whether a defendant lacks fitness to proceed. The bill was referred without recommendation by the House Committee on Judiciary to the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response. It remained in committee upon adjournment.

### **Expansion of School-Based Health Services**


**HB 2729** Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adjust school-based health center grant amounts for inflation and issue new grants to expand mental health and substance use services in schools. The bill also requires OHA to study ways to increase reimbursement for school-based mental health services and authorizes the issuance of lottery bonds for school-based health center purposes. The bill passed the House Committee on Education. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

### **Funding Local and Tribal Addiction Prevention Services**

**HB 2954** Appropriates funding to the Oregon Health Authority for distribution to local health departments and federally recognized tribes in Oregon to support addiction prevention services. The bill passed the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

### **Task Force on Reparations for Oregonians of African-American Descent**

**HB 2995** Establishes the Task Force on Reparations to study and develop proposals for financial and nonfinancial reparations for Oregonians of African-American descent. The task force is also directed to recommend appropriate remedies and public education



efforts based on its findings. The bill passed the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Expanding Access to Jail-Based Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Grants**

**HB 3009** Expands the definition of “local correctional facility” under the Oregon Jail-Based Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Grant Program to include additional types of county facilities. This change would allow a broader range of county-operated facilities to provide opioid use disorder treatment and transition planning services. The bill received a public hearing in the House Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Changes to Drug Treatment Funding and Oversight Structure**

**HB 3094** Transfers responsibilities from the Oversight and Accountability Council to the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, which is directed to administer grants for drug treatment and related services. The bill also modifies the Oregon Behavioral Health Deflection Program and assigns the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission authority to make grant funding decisions based on recommendations from the Improving People’s Access to Community-based Treatment, Supports and Services Grant Review Committee. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response with subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. It remained in committee upon adjournment.

### **Higher Education Behavioral Health Workforce Expansion Fund**

**HB 3129** Establishes the Higher Education Behavioral Health Workforce Expansion Fund and directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to distribute funding to Oregon community colleges and public and private universities. The funding supports the expansion of training, employment, and retention of behavioral health professionals. The bill passed the House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

### **Emergency Housing Pilot for Individuals Awaiting Substance Use Treatment**

**HB 3146** Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to create a pilot program providing low-barrier emergency housing for individuals experiencing houselessness or unsafe housing while awaiting placement in residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment or withdrawal management programs. The bill requires OHA to report program outcomes to the Legislature beginning September 15, 2026, and every two years thereafter. The bill passed the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.





## **Oregon Health Authority Budget for the 2025–27 Biennium**

**HB 5025** Appropriates General Fund moneys to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for operating expenses in the 2025-2027 biennium. The \$6.2 billion General Fund, \$41.7 billion Total Funds budget is a 12.1% increase from the current service level. Medicaid caseload costs increase from the current service level by \$32.6 million General Fund primarily due to a projected decline in Oregon's Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage. Passed the Senate with 18 Ayes, 11 Nays, and 1 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025. **(Board Agenda)**

Investments include:

- \$56 million for the State Hospital to continue addressing Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services corrective action plans, patient safety, workload, and staffing issues, and to address compliance with timelines to provide court-ordered restoration services.
- \$42.6 million in carry-over from 2023-25 for substance use disorder facilities and Regional Development and Innovation Funding.
- \$10 million for Youth Residential Treatment Facility capacity.
- \$30 million to provide a mid-year 2025 Coordinated Care Organization rate adjustment.
- \$25 million to support enhanced hospital maternity rates.
- \$10 million for a grant to support the Oregon Harm Reduction Clearinghouse.
- \$12.5 million to address continued access to women's reproductive health care.
- \$10.9 million for OHP Bridge – Basic Medicaid providing an Open Card option for American Indian and Alaska Native members.
- Increased support to Local Mental Health Programs including:
  - \$10 million increase for Aid and Assist services,
  - \$13.2 million for Deflection and Diversion programs,
  - \$7 million for Community Behavioral Health and SUD Treatment,
  - \$7 million for School and Community Based SUD prevention,
  - \$5.2 million for permanent supportive housing, and
  - \$2.4 million for Behavioral Health Community Navigators and associated services.

## **Inpatient Psychiatric Rate Increases and Civil Commitment Discharge Planning**

**SB 140** Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) to raise reimbursement rates for hospitals providing inpatient psychiatric services to Medicaid recipients. The bill also directs OHA to collaborate with acute care hospitals, CCOs, and community mental health programs to develop coordinated discharge care plans for civilly committed patients. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Health Care with subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. It received two public hearings but did not advance beyond committee before adjournment.



## **Behavioral Health Workforce Grants and Incentives**

**SB 142** Directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to award scholarships to students in behavioral health care programs and provide grants to institutions to expand training capacity. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is directed to award grants to foster recruitment and retention of behavioral health care providers. The bill authorizes OHA and the Office of Rural Health to partner in issuing loan repayment and forgiveness grants. The OHA and HECC must review and report annually to the Legislature on the effectiveness of these programs. The bill passed the Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

## **Behavioral Health Workforce Training for High School Students**

**SB 527** Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to award grants to local workforce development boards to partner with community organizations and education providers to establish behavioral health education and training programs for high school students. Grant amounts will be informed by recommendations from a statewide organization representing all local workforce development boards. The bill passed the Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Minimum Reimbursement Rates for Health Care Providers**

**SB 609** Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) to establish minimum reimbursement rates for providers of primary care, optometry, dental care, and behavioral health services delivered to medical assistance recipients. The bill seeks to promote equitable access to essential health services across Oregon's healthcare system. The bill passed the Senate Committee on Health Care. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.


## **Substance Use Services Reform**

**SB 610** Modifies the structure and responsibilities of the Oversight and Accountability Council (OAC) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) concerning Behavioral Health Resource Networks (BHRNs). It transfers BHRN grant administration duties from the OAC to OHA, while maintaining the council in a consultative role. The bill also repeals the requirement for a statewide BHRN telephone hotline. SB 610 passed the House with 36 Ayes, 15 Nays, and 8 Excused. Signed by the Governor on June 9th. Effective January 1, 2026.

## **Increased Funding for Behavioral Health Deflection Programs**

**SB 782** Raises the minimum amount of grant funding that counties can receive to support behavioral health deflection programs, aiming to divert individuals experiencing





behavioral health crises away from the criminal justice system. The bill received a public hearing in the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response, where it remained upon adjournment.

## Promote Community Safety & Justice

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### Mandatory Court-Ordered Removal of Trespassers

**HB 2045** Requires courts to issue removal orders for trespassers from a residence based on a sworn declaration from the property owner or their agent. Directs law enforcement to execute such orders and establishes statutory damages for those harmed by wrongful use of the process. Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary, where it remained upon adjournment.

### Mandatory Drug Treatment as Part of Probation

**HB 2174** Requires courts to include a drug use evaluation and treatment as conditions of probation for certain drug and property crime convictions. Aims to expand access to treatment as a component of rehabilitation. Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary with subsequent referral to Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

### Legal Aid Program for Incarcerated Adults at Coffee Creek


**HB 2233** Establishes a program through the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to provide legal services for adults in custody at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. Grants will be awarded to the Oregon Justice Resource Center to implement the program. Requires a program evaluation and report to the legislature by September 15, 2026. Sunsets December 31, 2027. HB 2233 passed the House Committee on Judiciary. It was then referred to Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

### Making the Family Sentencing Alternative Program Permanent

**HB 2555** Renames the Family Sentencing Alternative Pilot Program as the Family Sentencing Alternative Program and makes it permanent. Expands eligibility to include all sentences for which a defendant is eligible for a downward dispositional departure. Aims to promote rehabilitation and family unity as part of sentencing. Passed the Senate with 26 Ayes, 3 Nays, and 1 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

### Study on Improving Expunction Process

**HB 2601** Directs the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to study improvements to the expunction process and report findings to the legislature by December 31, 2026. The Act sunsets on January 2, 2027. HB 2601 was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary,



where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Changes to the Authority and Governance of the Public Defense Commission**

**HB 2614** Amends provisions related to the authority and governance of the Oregon Public Defense Commission (OPDC). The amendments include changes to the appointment of the members of the board and the executive director, the oversight duties and responsibilities of the OPDC and its board of commissioners, and the minimum standards applicable to attorneys for appointment as public defenders. Repassed by the House on concurrence with 44 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 16 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

### **Continued DPSST Oversight After Officer Departure**

**HB 2926** Allows the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) to continue investigations or denial actions against a public safety officer or instructor even if the individual leaves employment. HB 2926 passed the Senate Committee on Judiciary. It was then referred to Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Sentencing Guidelines Rule Changes Approved**

**HB 2933** Approves updates to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission's sentencing guidelines rules and adopts necessary changes relating to legislation creating new crimes. HB 2933 passed the Senate with 17 Ayes and 11 Nays. It was signed into law by the Governor on May 22, 2025, with an effective date of January 1, 2026.

### **Funding for Workforce Reentry Programs**

**HB 2972** Allocates funding to the Oregon Employment Department for staffing workforce reentry programs serving adults in custody. It passed the House Labor and Workplace Standards Committee and was referred to Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.


### **Public Safety Grant Program Overhaul and Justice Reinvestment Reforms**

**HB 3069** Restructures Oregon Criminal Justice Commission grant programs into two main funds: the Oregon Public Safety Coordination Grant Program and the Oregon Law Enforcement Grant Program. Makes the Justice Reinvestment Program and reentry court provisions permanent. Revises fund distribution for behavioral health deflection and retail theft grants, and eliminates the Improving People's Access to Community-based Treatment Grant Review Committee. The House concurred with Senate amendments and repassed with 32 Ayes, 11 Nays, and 17 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

### **Ballot Measure 114 Firearm Permit Reform and Implementation Timeline**

**HB 3075** Modifies provisions of Ballot Measure 114 (2022), including firearm permit eligibility, application processing, and background check procedures. Delays the





requirement for permits on firearm transfers until July 1, 2026, with a further exception for some transfers through July 1, 2028. HB 3075 passed the House Committee on Judiciary. It was then referred to Ways and Means by order of Speaker, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **VOCA Grant Backfill for Crime Victim Services**

**HB 3196** Appropriates \$18.5 million from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Justice to backfill reductions in federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grants, plus \$3 million more to support the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) network. These funds ensure continued access to critical services for crime victims and vulnerable populations across Oregon. HB 3196 passed the House Judiciary Committee. It was then referred to Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

### **Department of Corrections Budget for 2025–2027 Biennium**

**HB 5004** Appropriates General Fund moneys to the Department of Corrections for operating expenses during the 2025–2027 biennium. It passed the Senate with 21 Ayes, 7 Nays, and 2 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025. **(Board Agenda)**

Investments include:

- \$315.9 million General Fund for Community Corrections, which includes \$3.3 million for SB 395 DUII Incarceration.

### **Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Budget for 2025–2027 Biennium**


**HB 5005** Appropriates General Fund moneys to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for its operations during the 2025–2027 biennium. It passed the Senate with 26 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 2 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025. **(Board Agenda)**

Investments include:

- \$40 million one-time General Fund for Behavioral-Health Deflection Grant Program.
- \$10 million one-time General Fund for Behavioral-Health IMPACTS Grants Program. (CJC anticipates an additional \$3.4 million in carryover funds from the 2023-25 biennium).
- \$4 million one-time General Fund for Restorative Justice Program.
- \$6 million one-time General Fund for Jail-Based Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Grant Program. (CJC anticipates an additional \$4.1 million in carryover funds from 2023-25 biennium).

### **Judicial Department Budget**

**HB 5012** Appropriates General Fund moneys to the Judicial Department for the 2025–2027 biennium and sets limits on expenditures from various revenue sources, including federal funds. It also provides funding for the Oregon Law Commission, Council on Court



Procedures, and other judicial services. HB 5012 passed the Senate with 26 Ayes, 4 Nays, and 0 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 24, 2025. Effective upon passage.

### **Oregon Public Defense Commission Budget for the 2025-2027 Biennium**

**HB 5031** Appropriates General Fund moneys to the Oregon Public Defense Commission for its operation during the 2025-2027 biennium. It passed the Senate with 28 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 0 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025. **(Board Agenda)**

Investments include:

- \$681 million General Fund to establish and maintain Oregon's public defense system. Funding is provided to reflect the April 2025 caseload forecast and to continue to address the unrepresented defendant crisis. This includes the establishment of an Enhanced Provider Capacity Pilot Program in the six crisis counties, continuation of funding for law schools, a dedicated position for Expedited Resolution Case Docketing, and Case Assignment Coordinators.

### **Oregon Youth Authority Budget for 2025-2027 Biennium**

**HB 5041** Appropriates General Fund moneys to the Oregon Youth Authority for its 2025-2027 biennial operations. Investments include \$132 million General Fund for the Community Programs Division for case management for juveniles under state supervision, community residential treatment, and funding for county juvenile justice services. HB 5041 passed the Senate with 25 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 3 Excused. Signed by the Governor on June 26, 2025. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

### **Family Law Services Funding Changes**

**SB 97** Requires financial reporting by counties and judicial districts on conciliation and mediation accounts, and allows counties to raise fees for marriage licenses and domestic partnership registrations. It passed the House with 31 Ayes, 21 Nays, and 7 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 28, 2025. Effective May 28, 2025.


### **Controlled Substances and Fentanyl Enforcement Reform**

**SB 236** Separates fentanyl-related offenses from other controlled substance statutes, creating standalone laws for possession, manufacture, and delivery of fentanyl. It enhances sentencing provisions, expands opioid use disorder treatment access in local facilities, and authorizes pharmacists to prescribe treatment under certain conditions. The bill also revises provisions from HB 4002 (2024) related to conditional discharge, record sealing, and deflection programs. The Senate concurred with House amendments with 26 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 1 Excused. Effective upon passage.

### **Regulation of Rapid Fire Activators and CHL Possession in Public Buildings**

**SB 243** Creates two new crimes related to rapid fire activators: (1) unlawful transport, manufacture, or transfer (Class B felony) and (2) unlawful possession (Class A





misdemeanor). Authorizes local governing bodies to limit the concealed handgun license (CHL) affirmative defense for firearm possession in certain public buildings, including those used for official meetings. Conviction under these limitations results in a Class A misdemeanor. The Senate concurred in House amendments and repassed the bill with 18 Ayes, 11 Nays, and 1 Excused. Effective on September 26, 2025.

### **Firearm Prohibition for Those Convicted of Menacing a Public Official**

**SB 473** Prohibits individuals convicted of menacing a public official from possessing firearms. Violation is punishable by up to 364 days in jail, a \$6,250 fine, or both. It passed the Senate with 29 Ayes and 1 Excused and it passed the House Committee on Judiciary. After second reading on the House floor, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Rules, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Updates to Juvenile Diversion and Crime Prevention Plans**

**SB 816** Updates laws concerning local juvenile diversion plans and basic services aimed at preventing youth crime. The bill refines statutory language to support more effective local planning and service delivery for juvenile justice. Passed the House with 51 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 8 Excused. Signed by the Governor on June 3, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **Limitations on Pretrial Release and County Reimbursements**

**SB 889** Limits pretrial release to security release for individuals charged with a felony or Class A misdemeanor. Directs the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to reimburse counties for pretrial incarceration costs associated with felony charges and appropriates funds for this purpose. It was referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Restorative Justice Program Reforms**

**SB 938** Modifies eligibility for recipients of restorative justice program grants and establishes the Restorative Justice Grant Program Account, continuously appropriating funds to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to support the program. It passed the Senate Committee on Judiciary and was referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Urging Federal Action to Address Crime Victims Fund Crisis**

**SJM 2** Urges Congress to enact legislation to alleviate the funding crisis in the federal Crime Victims Fund. Adopted by the Senate with 30 Ayes. Adopted by the House with 52 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 8 Excused. Filed with the Secretary of State on May 7, 2025. **(Board Agenda)**



# Expand Housing and Shelter Capacity

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## Extension of Property Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Low-Income Housing

**HB 2077** Extends the sunset date for the property tax exemption available to nonprofit corporations that provide low-income housing, supporting ongoing affordability efforts. Passed the Senate with 26 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 4 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 28, 2025. Effective on September 26, 2025.

## Tenant Right to Early Termination of Fixed-Term Lease

**HB 2134** Allows tenants to terminate a fixed-term residential lease without penalty with 30 days' notice if the landlord has issued a notice to terminate the tenancy 90 days or more in advance. Passed the Senate with 26 Ayes, 3 Nays, and 1 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 22, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

## Land Use Reform to Support Denser Housing Development

**HB 2138** Expands middle housing allowances, including for urban unincorporated areas, and authorizes single-room occupancies. Prohibits private land use restrictions that limit density or accessory dwelling units. Streamlines expedited land divisions, making them exempt from hearings and appeals, and allows combined plats for middle housing. Passed the Senate with 21 Ayes, 8 Nays, and 1 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## Tribal Housing and Homelessness Prevention Grants

**HB 2139** Requires the Housing and Community Services Department to provide grants to eligible, federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon to address housing needs and prevent homelessness within tribal communities. Establishes the Tribal Housing Grant Fund and appropriates moneys to support the program. Passed the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness. It was then referred to the Committee on Joint Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

## Tribal Planning Assistance and Land Use Law Updates

**HB 2347** Authorizes the Department of Land Conservation and Development to provide planning assistance to federally recognized Indian tribes for housing production. The bill also makes various technical updates to Oregon's land use planning laws. Passed the Senate with 22 Ayes, 6 Nays, and 1 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 8, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.



## **Affordable Housing Predevelopment Loan Program**

**HB 2964** Requires the Housing and Community Services Department to award loans for predevelopment costs associated with affordable housing projects. Passed the Senate with 24 Ayes, 4 Nays, and 2 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 24, 2025. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## **Housing Infrastructure Financing Program**

**HB 3031** Establishes a program under the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority to provide financial assistance for infrastructure that supports new housing development. Creates the Housing Infrastructure Project Fund to administer the program. Passed the Senate with 27 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 1 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## **Changes to Emergency Housing Account Oversight**

**HB 3034** Modifies the responsibilities of the Oregon Housing Stability Council in shaping policies related to the Emergency Housing Account, which supports efforts to address homelessness and housing insecurity. Passed the Senate with 18 Ayes, 9 Nays, and 2 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 8, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

## **Rent Stabilization and Sales Protections in Manufactured Home Parks and Marinas**

**HB 3054** Limits rent increases for rental spaces in manufactured home parks and marinas to a maximum of 6% annually beginning in 2026, and caps rent increases for buyers of homes in such facilities at 10%. Allows exceptions for infrastructure improvements approved by tenant vote. Passed the Senate with 17 Ayes, 10 Nays, and 3 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 24, 2025. Declares an emergency, effective September 1, 2025.

## **Tenant Access Requirements for Habitable Dwellings**

**HB 3378** Requires residential landlords to provide tenants with a method of accessing their dwelling unit that does not rely on software installed on a tenant-owned phone or electronic device. This provision is necessary for the unit to meet the legal definition of habitability. Passed the Senate with 23 Ayes, 6 Nays, and 1 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 22, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

## **Senior Housing Development Initiative and Tax Deferral Fund Transfers**

**HB 3589** Requires the Housing and Community Services Department to establish a senior housing development initiative. Authorizes the transfer of excess moneys from the Senior Property Tax Deferral Revolving Account to support the initiative. Beginning in 2027, the Department of Revenue must annually review the account for estimated excess funds. Projects funded under the Elderly and Disabled Housing Fund will remain eligible for affordable housing tax credits. The measure sunsets July 1, 2031. It passed the Senate with 22 Ayes, 3 Nays, and 5 Excused. Effective January 1, 2026.





## **Creation of a Statewide Shelter Program**

**HB 3644** Directs the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department to establish a statewide shelter program, appointing regional coordinators to administer funding for shelter services. Requires adoption of rules by January 1, 2026, and selection of coordinators by May 1, 2026. The program sunsets January 2, 2034. Funding for shelter operations in the 2025-2027 biennium was included in HB 5011. It passed the Senate with 19 Ayes, 10 Nays, and 1 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective on passage. **(Board Agenda)**

## **Funding for Individual Development Account Program**

**HB 3809** Establishes a quarterly allocation of lottery funds to the Housing and Community Services Department to support the Individual Development Account (IDA) program, which helps low-income individuals build financial assets. Passed the House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Housing and Community Services Department Budget**

**HB 5011** Appropriates funds from the General Fund to the Housing and Community Services Department for biennial operations. Sets limits on the department's expenditures from fees, miscellaneous receipts, lottery funds, and certain federal funds, while authorizing specific nonlimited expenditures. Passed the Senate with 21 Ayes, 7 Nays, and 2 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025. **(Board Agenda)**

Investments include:

- \$205 million for sustaining the operations of previously-funded shelters. (HB 3644 contains a new structure for statewide shelter investments.)
- \$50.3 million for rehousing services for unsheltered households
- \$23.5 million for eviction prevention (An additional \$11m GF is included in HB 5006)
- \$87.4 million for long-term rent assistance

## **Building Permit Decision Deadline for Residential Subdivisions**

**SB 6** Requires the Department of Consumer and Business Services, a municipality, a building official or any other agency or official responsible for administering and enforcing the state building code to approve and issue, or disapprove and deny, any application for a building permit for middle housing or conventional single-family residential housing in a residential subdivision with more than six lots not later than 45 business days after the date on which the applicant submits a complete application. SB 6 passed the Senate Housing and Development Committee. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.



## Rental Assistance Expansion for Youth Under 25

**SB 814** Modifies eligibility criteria for the long-term rental assistance program for individuals under age 25 and expands the list of stakeholders the Housing and Community Services Department must consult in designing the program. Passed the House with 52 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 7 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 19, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

## Expansion of Rural Housing Opportunities

**SB 878** Allows an occupying homeowner outside an urban growth boundary to site one additional family dwelling unit on the tract of the home. The Senate Committee on Housing and Development held a public hearing. The bill remained in committee upon adjournment.

## Funding for SEI Affordable Housing Project

**SB 949** Directs the Housing and Community Services Department to provide funding to Self Enhancement, Inc. (SEI) for the development of affordable housing that may integrate residential units with community services and commercial space in the Portland metro area. Passed the Senate Committee on Housing and Development. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained in committee upon adjournment.

## Local Improvement Agreements in Urban Growth Boundaries

**SB 967** Authorizes local governments to enter into intergovernmental agreements to manage local improvements in unincorporated areas within an urban growth boundary. Passed the House with 50 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 9 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 22, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

## Expedited Review Process for Housing Applications


**SB 974** Speeds up the review process for residential development permits by requiring local governments or special districts to complete final engineering plan reviews within 120 days of submission. Establishes a limited review process for certain urban growth boundary applications and prohibits some design review requirements. Passed the House with 50 Ayes, 4 Nays, and 5 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 16, 2025. Effective on September 26, 2025.

# Invest in Transportation, Infrastructure, and Resilience

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## Transportation Funding and Road Usage Reform

**HB 2025** Overhauls Oregon's transportation funding system by increasing and adding



taxes and fees related to vehicles and infrastructure. Equalizes the taxation of diesel and gasoline, revises weight-mile tax formulas, and imposes a mandatory per-mile road usage charge phased in over time, beginning with electric vehicles in 2026. Allows a flat annual fee as an alternative. Imposes surcharges to support the removal of abandoned RVs and expands permissible uses of transportation funds, including for light rail capital maintenance and multimodal infrastructure. Directs the Division of Audits to conduct performance audits of ODOT and authorizes new appointments and reporting criteria for the Oregon Transportation Commission. Declares an emergency, effective on passage. Passed out of committee with amendments and rereferred to the House Transportation Reinvestment Committee. At Desk upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

### **Statewide Fuel Storage Capacity Action Plan**

**HB 2152** Directs the Oregon Department of Energy to create and implement a Statewide Geographic Diversity of Fueling Stations for Disaster Reserves Priority Action Plan to improve fuel storage and access during emergencies. Passed the House Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans Committee with amendments and was referred to Ways and Means. In committee upon adjournment.

### **County Safety Corridor Program**

**HB 2154** Makes permanent the county safety corridor program, allowing counties to designate segments of county roads as safety corridors in areas with high rates of serious vehicle crashes. Passed the Senate with 27 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 3 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on March 26, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **Preapproval of Residential Housing Plans**

**HB 2258** Authorizes the Land Conservation and Development Commission to require local governments to approve certain residential developments using building plans preapproved by the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS). DCBS is authorized to develop the preapproval process. Initial rules must be adopted by January 1, 2027. Increases planning program funding for rulemaking. Passed the Senate with 28 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 0 Excused. Effective on passage.


### **Creation of DHS Office for Emergency Human Services**

**HB 2346** Establishes the Office of Resilience and Emergency Management within the Department of Human Services to provide human services during emergencies. Defines the office's powers and duties. It passed the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **State Financing Support for Industrial Land Development**

**HB 2411** Authorizes the Oregon Business Development Department to provide financial assistance to projects involving industrial land and establishes the Industrial Site Loan





Fund in the State Treasury. Passed the Senate with 28 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 1 Excused. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **Limitations on Frontage Improvement Conditions for Construction Permits**

**HB 2658** Prohibits municipalities from requiring certain frontage improvements (sidewalks, curbs, gutters) as a condition of obtaining a construction permit to alter an existing building, if the project does not increase the building's size or change its occupancy classification, and if the cost does not exceed a specified threshold. Applies to municipalities with populations over 15,000 beginning in 2026, and all municipalities beginning January 1, 2031. Passed the Senate with 29 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 0 Excused. The House concurred in Senate amendments and repassed the bill. Effective September 26, 2025.

### **Applying Prevailing Wage to Off-Site Custom Public Works Fabrication**

**HB 2688** Requires that the prevailing rate of wage apply to off-site bespoke work fabricated, preconstructed, assembled, or constructed according to specifications for a particular public works project. Passed the Senate with 16 Ayes, 13 Nays, and 1 Excused. Effective September 26, 2025.

### **Levee Infrastructure Funding through Lottery Bonds**

**HB 2693** Authorizes the issuance of lottery bonds to support levee improvement projects by depositing proceeds into the Levee Project Grant Fund. The House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans recommended passage, and the bill was referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Funding for Columbia Corridor Flood Safety Projects**


**HB 2726** Authorizes the sale of lottery bonds to fund flood safety projects along the Columbia corridor in Multnomah County. While this bill did not pass, its intent was accomplished by the Lottery Bond Bill, **SB 5531**, which did pass and contained the same funding. HB 2726 was referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Modifications to Interstate 5 Bridge Replacement Project and Tolling**

**HB 2931** Modifies, adds, and repeals laws related to the Interstate 5 bridge replacement project, including provisions on tolling. Initially failed in the House but passed upon reconsideration with 31 Ayes and 24 Nays. Passed the Senate with 17 Ayes, 12 Nays, and 1 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 3, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **Financial Assurance for Oil and Fuel Terminal Owners**

**HB 2949** Requires owners or operators of bulk oils or liquid fuels terminals to obtain a



certificate of financial responsibility from the Department of Environmental Quality. Directs the Environmental Quality Commission to adopt rules for issuing certificates and requires biennial reporting to the Legislature. Preempts local governments from imposing additional financial assurance requirements. Passed the House Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans Committee with amendments and was referred to Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Community Resilience Grants for Disasters**

**HB 3170** Modifies the definitions and grant criteria for Resilience Hubs and Resilience Networks. Appropriates General Fund moneys to the Department of Human Services to provide grants that help communities prepare for and respond to disasters. Passed the House Climate, Energy, and Environment Committee and was referred to Ways and Means. In committee upon adjournment.

### **Public Utility Rate Reform and Consumer Protections**

**HB 3179** Requires the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to consider the cumulative economic impact of proposed residential electric or natural gas rate increases and to mitigate rate hikes that would impact a customer's ability to maintain utility service. The bill prohibits residential rate increases between November 1 and March 31 and directs utilities to establish multiyear rate plans and provide transparent cost breakdowns. Also authorizes bond issuance to recover specified utility costs. Passed the Senate with 20 Ayes, 9 Nays, and 1 Excused. Effective on passage.

### **Grid Enhancing Technologies in Electric Transmission**


**HB 3336** Requires electric companies to file strategic plans with the Public Utility Commission for cost-effective use of grid enhancing technologies. Plans must be updated with the integrated resource plan and include actions to be implemented by January 1, 2030. Also requires cost-effectiveness analysis for transmission upgrades and streamlines local permitting for certain technologies. Passed the Senate with 23 Ayes, 4 Nays, and 3 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 24, 2025. Effective on September 26, 2025.

### **Stopgap Funding for Oregon Department of Transportation**

**HB 3402** Originally a placeholder bill regarding transportation. On the very last day of session, the House Committee on Rules proposed an amendment to provide the Oregon Department of Transportation with stopgap funding by imposing nominal gas tax and vehicle registration fee increases. The committee passed the amended bill, but the measure did not receive a floor vote before the final adjournment.

### **Energy Storage Transition Planning for Critical Infrastructure**

**HB 3450** Directs the Oregon Department of Energy to develop an energy storage



transition plan for the critical energy infrastructure hub, particularly related to bulk oils and liquid fuels terminals. Passed the House Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans Committee with amendments and was referred to Ways and Means. In committee upon adjournment.

### **Seismic Risk Study on Toxic Substance Release**

**HB 3492** Directs the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) to study risks related to the release of toxic substances due to earthquake-induced hazards. The department must submit a confidential report to the State Resilience Officer by December 1, 2027, pending review by the Oregon Department of Emergency Management Director. Passed the House Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans Committee with amendments and was referred to Ways and Means. In committee upon adjournment.

### **Large Energy Use Facilities Classification**

**HB 3546** Directs the Public Utility Commission to establish a classification of service for large energy use facilities, requiring electric companies to enter into contracts with such facilities that allocate service costs appropriately and protect other retail electricity consumers. The commission must report biennially to the Legislature on trends and impacts related to these facilities. Sunsets January 2, 2035. Passed the Senate with 18 Ayes, 12 Nays, and 0 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 16, 2025. Effective on passage.

### **Levee Project Financing for Municipalities**

**HB 3980** Makes municipalities eligible to receive financial assistance, including loans and grants, for levee improvement projects. The policy contained in this bill was included in the Program Change bill (**SB 960**) at the end of session. HB 3908 was referred to the House committee on Rules, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Rural Homeowner Family Housing Authorization**

**SB 438** Allows property owners outside an urban growth boundary to construct an additional dwelling unit on their property for a relative's occupancy. This measure aims to support multigenerational housing options in rural areas. It had a public hearing in the Senate Committee on Housing and Development, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Hydrogen Blending Notice Requirements**

**SB 685** Requires natural gas utilities to notify the Public Utility Commission and customers if they plan to blend hydrogen with natural gas at a ratio exceeding 2.5% for the first time. Utilities must also maintain accessible information about their hydrogen blending programs on their websites. The House passed the bill with 32 Ayes, 22 Nays, and 5 Excused. The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 16, 2025, and took effect





immediately.

### **Modernizing Vehicle and Driver Regulation Laws**

**SB 840** Updates and expands laws related to vehicle regulation, including driver licensing, vehicle insurance, and the regulation of car dealers and dismantlers. Passed the House with 41 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 19 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 24, 2025. Effective on September 26, 2025.

### **Funding for the Department of Environmental Quality**

**SB 5520** Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Quality for biennial expenses. Limits expenditures from specified sources including fees, federal funds, and bond proceeds. Also sets caps on lottery and federal funds spending while authorizing certain nonlimited expenditures. Passed the House with 31 Ayes, 19 Nays, and 10 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 24, 2025. Effective July 1, 2025.

## **Protect Services for Our Most Vulnerable**

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### **Summer Learning Grant Program**


**HB 2007** Modifies the Summer Learning Grant Program by updating program requirements and directing the Oregon Department of Education to provide reports based on recipient data. Establishes the Summer Learning Grant Program Fund. Passed the Senate with 25 Ayes, 4 Nays, and 1 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on April 23, 2025. Effective on passage.

### **Protection and Benefits for Workers with Disabilities**

**HB 2020** Requires that qualified nonprofit agencies for individuals with disabilities employ individuals with disabilities for at least 50% of direct labor hours used to manufacture goods or provide services. If a public agency ends a service contract and a new provider is hired, the new provider must reimburse former employees with disabilities for continuation of health coverage costs and offer equal or better health benefits no later than one year into the contract. The bill passed the House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Support for Long-Term Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention**

**HB 2061** Establishes a task force to study strategies for recruiting and retaining case managers and adult protective services workers in long-term care. The task force will explore policy solutions to workforce shortages and report findings to the Legislature. The



bill passed the House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Regulating the Five-Needle Protocol for Acupuncture**

**HB 2143** Defines the “five-needle protocol” and authorizes the Oregon Medical Board to establish a registry of individuals qualified to administer it. Individuals listed on the registry may perform the protocol without obtaining a full acupuncture license. Passed the Senate with 27 Ayes and 2 Nays. Signed into law by the Governor on June 11, 2025. Effective on September 26, 2025.

### **Expanding Access to Mobile Integrated Health Care**

**HB 2222** Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to prescribe criteria for mobile integrated health care providers to enroll as providers in the state Medicaid program. Requires OHA to provide technical support to providers and their employers in the enrollment process. The bill passed the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Local Public Health Inclusion in Medicaid Coordination**


**HB 2224** Modifies the membership of several advisory and governance bodies related to coordinated care organizations (CCOs), including the Metrics and Scoring Subcommittee and Medicaid Advisory Committee, to include individuals with public health, behavioral health, or social services experience. Also requires, when possible, that CCO governing bodies and community advisory councils include local public health and mental health authority representatives. Directs state agencies to allow local health departments to be reimbursed for services. A public hearing was held in the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care on March 4, 2025. The bill did not advance out of committee before adjournment.

### **Raising Reimbursement Rates for Addiction Medicine Services**

**HB 2270** Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to increase reimbursement rates for addiction medicine services by 30 percent. Establishes the Task Force on Addiction Medicine Reimbursement Rates and requires the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (ADPC) to annually review the rates and report to the Legislature. Requires OHA to review and revise rates following the ADPC’s findings. The bill passed the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Expanding HIV Treatment Coverage**

**HB 2292** Requires health benefit plans that currently reimburse the cost of counseling,



prevention, and screening services for sexually transmitted infections to also provide coverage for approved human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention drugs and the services required when beginning or continuing the use of such prevention drugs. Passed the Senate with 30 Ayes, 0 Nays. Effective on September 26, 2025.

### **Supporting School Attendance through Family Services**

**HB 2374** Establishes the CARE Program within the Youth Development Division to help families meet basic needs and reduce school absenteeism. The division will award grants to counties or local entities to implement local CARE programs. The bill passed the House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Protecting Access to 340B Drugs**

**HB 2385** Prohibits drug manufacturers from interfering with the ability of pharmacies to acquire, deliver, or dispense 340B drugs. Also bars manufacturers from requiring utilization review data as a condition of access to 340B drugs and establishes civil penalties for violations. Passed the Senate with 17 Ayes, 13 Nays, and 0 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 11, 2025. Effective on September 26, 2025.

### **Prohibiting Differential Treatment by Public Bodies**

**HB 2433** Prohibits public bodies from discriminating against or granting preferential treatment to individuals or groups based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, education, or contracting. Includes specified exceptions. Referred to the House Committee on Rules where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Expanding Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatment**

**HB 2506** Directs the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (ADPC), in collaboration with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), to develop statewide policies to increase access to medications for opioid use disorder in physical health care settings and to improve transitions to community-based care. Repeals the 1,000-foot siting restriction for methadone clinics near schools and licensed child care facilities. The bill passed the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Modernization of Tobacco and Nicotine Regulation**

**HB 2528** Updates state law to include “nicotine derived from any source” in the definitions of tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems. Replaces criminal penalties for underage sales with civil penalties enforced by the Oregon Health Authority. Prohibits the free distribution of tobacco and nicotine products and requires that all sales occur at licensed premises. Passed the House with 33 Ayes, 24 Nays, and 3 Excused. Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue, where it remained upon adjournment.





### **Improving Data Security and Incentives in Heat Pump Programs**

**HB 2567** Strengthens data privacy by requiring grant recipients under the Heat Pump Deployment Program to use best practices to protect personal information of applicants and recipients. Allows the Oregon Department of Energy to award additional grant funds under existing agreements when funds become available. Expands the rental home heat pump program by offering added incentives for installations in rural or frontier areas and extends the program's sunset to January 2, 2032. The House concurred in Senate amendments and repassed the bill with 49 Ayes, 0 Nays, 11 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 14, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **Veterans' Courts Grant Program**

**HB 2650** Directs the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs to establish a grant program to provide funding to counties for veterans' courts. Referred to committee but did not advance before adjournment.

### **Strengthening Newborn Screening and Public Health Infrastructure**

**HB 2741** Directs the Oregon Health Authority to maintain a state public health laboratory and administer a comprehensive newborn bloodspot screening program. Requires healthcare providers and facilities to ensure timely collection and reporting of newborn screening specimens, with an exemption for parents or guardians who object for religious or philosophical reasons. House concurred in Senate amendments and repassed the bill with 51 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 7 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 28, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **Flexibility in Child Care Facility Licensing**

**HB 2814** Authorizes the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to waive certain requirements for certified child care facilities if doing so protects the welfare of children and the interests of parents. Directs the Early Learning Council to define by rule the number and age distribution of children allowed at registered family child care homes. Passed the Senate with 27 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 3 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 27, 2025. Effective on passage.

### **Statewide Plan for Tribal Early Learning**

**HB 2815** Requires the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC), in consultation with Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes, to develop and implement a statewide early learning and care plan for Native American and Alaska Native children under age eight. Establishes a grant program and the Oregon Tribal Early Learning Alliance to support plan implementation. Creates the Tribal Early Learning Fund. Passed the Senate with 27 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 1 Excused. Effective January 1, 2026.



## **Pharmacist Reimbursement for HIV-Related Services**

**HB 2942** Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to reimburse pharmacies and pharmacists at the same rate as other health care providers for specified HIV-related services. Passed the Senate with 29 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 28, 2025. Effective on September 26, 2025. **(Board Agenda)**

## **Pilot Program for Emergency Department STI Screening**

**HB 2943** Directs the Oregon Health Authority to establish a voluntary pilot program allowing participating hospitals to screen eligible individuals for hepatitis C, HIV, and syphilis during blood testing in emergency departments, unless the patient declines. Requires participating hospitals to provide notice and opt-out options. Mandates insurance coverage for tests conducted under the pilot. Passed the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

## **Tax Navigation and Outreach for Low-Income Oregonians**

**HB 2991** Appropriates funding to support outreach regarding the federal Earned Income Tax Credit and other tax benefits, and to provide tax preparation and navigation services for low-income individuals. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025. Passed out of the House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained up on adjournment.

## **Planning for Youth Homelessness Services**


**HB 3079** Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to update its 2022 cost estimate for implementing youth homelessness programs and to work with Oregon Housing and Community Services to study options for allocating 30% of their respective 2027–2029 budgets toward reducing the number of youth aging into adult homelessness. The bill received a public hearing in the House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Requiring Electronic Death Reporting**

**HB 3127** Requires individuals to report deaths to the Oregon Center for Health Statistics using the state's electronic death reporting system. The bill underwent significant amendments but was ultimately passed after the Senate receded from its amendments. Passed the Senate with 27 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 1 Excused. Signed into law on June 26th, 2025. Effective January 1st, 2026.

## **Expanding the Oregon Lifeline Plan**

**HB 3148** Makes the Oregon Lifeline plan for low-income telecommunications customers



permanent and adds a one-time personal computing device benefit to assist with the purchase of Internet-enabled computers and related devices. Repeals the sunset on the program and eliminates the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program Advisory Committee. Passed the Senate with 24 Ayes, 3 Nays, and 3 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

### **Adjusting School-Based Health Center Grants for Inflation**

**HB 3169** Directs the Oregon Health Authority to adjust grant amounts for school-based health centers to account for inflation, helping maintain consistent funding for critical youth health services. The bill passed the House Committee on Education. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

### **Protecting Against Age-Based Employment Discrimination**

**HB 3187** Strengthens Oregon's employment discrimination laws by making it unlawful for employers to request or require disclosure of a job applicant's age or graduation dates, with limited exceptions. It also removes the provision allowing age limits in apprenticeship selection to bring such conduct under anti-discrimination statutes. Passed the Senate with 20 Ayes, 9 Nays, and 1 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 22, 2025. Effective on September 26, 2025.

### **Supporting Tribal Affairs Work on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People**

**HB 3198** Directs the Oregon Health Authority to assign dedicated staff within its tribal affairs office to lead efforts addressing the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous people. The bill passed the House Committee on Judiciary. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

### **Creating a Nonopioid Directive Form**

**HB 3211** Requires the Oregon Health Authority to develop and make available a standardized nonopioid directive form that individuals can use to indicate they do not wish to be administered opioid medications. Passed the Senate with 27 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 3 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 27, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **Developing a Statewide Strategy for Preventing Substance Use**

**HB 3321** Directs the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission to develop and implement a statewide primary prevention strategy and comprehensive plans that address the full youth continuum of care to prevent the onset of substance use. Also requires the Commission, in collaboration with Oregon Health & Science University, to provide education and technical assistance to youth substance use disorder treatment and early intervention providers. Passed the Senate with 23 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 5 Excused. Effective January 1st, 2026.





### **Establishing Emergency Dental Care for Low-Income Seniors**

**HB 3326** Creates the Seniors Emergency Dental Program within the Oregon Health Authority to provide eligible low-income individuals aged 65 and older with emergency dental services at no cost, including no copayments, deductibles, or cost sharing. The bill passed the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health was referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Study on Youth Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Programs**

**HB 3375** Directs the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission to conduct an inventory and assessment of existing youth-focused substance use prevention, screening, intervention, and referral programs. The commission must also analyze gaps in the provider workforce and service delivery system for youth needing substance use disorder treatment and report findings and recommendations to the Legislature. The bill was referred to the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Expanding Access to No-Cost School Meals**

**HB 3435** Requires school districts to phase in the provision of breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge, regardless of household income, with some exceptions. Mandates that breakfast be accessible after the start of the school day where breakfast is provided. Establishes nutrition standards for state-funded reimbursable meals. Directs the Oregon Department of Education to pursue federal programs that expand meal access. Appropriates General Fund moneys to reimburse previously incurred meal debts and support districts in upgrading meal service equipment. The bill passed the House Committee on Education. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by priori reference, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Expanding Sites for Child Care Facilities**

**HB 3560** Expands the types of locations where child care facilities may be established. Requires local governments to revise their land use regulations within one year to align with the expanded siting allowances. Passed the Senate with 28 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 27, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **Increasing Assistance for Low-Income Utility Customers**

**HB 3792** Raises the annual minimum amount collected from electric utility customers for low-income electric bill payment and crisis assistance from \$20 million to \$40 million. Directs the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to reassess the community need every two years and allows the PUC to adjust the collection amount accordingly. Also raises the monthly assistance cap per customer site from \$500 to \$1,000. Passed the Senate with 22 Ayes, 7 Nays, and 1 Excused. Effective on January 1, 2026. **(Board Agenda)**



## **Establishing an Animal Welfare Trust**

**HB 3871** Creates the Animal Welfare Trust to award grants supporting veterinary services for animals in low-income households and underserved communities. Establishes the Animal Welfare Fund to support the trust's work. Requires the trust to report biennially to the Legislature on its activities by March 31 of each even-numbered year. The bill passed the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Community Schools Grant Program**

**HB 3941** Directs the Oregon Department of Education to establish and administer a grant program supporting community schools, which provide integrated student supports, expanded learning time, and family and community engagement. Allocates lottery funds to support the program. The bill had a public hearing in the House Committee on Education, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Regulating Syringe Service Programs and Methadone Clinic Siting**

**HB 3956** Requires syringe service programs to register with the local public health authority in the jurisdiction where they operate. Defines "syringe service program." Removes the ability of counties or local public health authorities to waive siting restrictions that prohibit methadone clinics from being located near schools. The bill was referred to the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Study on State and Local Tax System Interdependence**

**SB 106** Requires the Legislative Revenue Officer to study how Oregon's state and local tax systems interact and to recommend possible legislative changes in a report due by September 15, 2026. A proposed amendment to SB 106 would have preempted Multnomah County's ability to deliver Preschool For All services as well as collect the tax that funds the program. The bill had a work session and an informational meeting in the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Support Services for Refugees and Immigration Assistance**

**SB 149** Requires the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to contract with eligible entities to provide support services to refugees for up to 24 months, as well as immigration assistance and referrals for individuals seeking refugee status. The bill defines "eligible entity" and updates the definition of "refugee." The bill passed the Senate Committee on Judiciary. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**



## **Strengthening Intake Access in the Veterans Dental Program**

**SB 230** Requires oral health care providers participating in the Veterans Dental Program to complete an intake screening with an enrollee within 60 days of the enrollee initiating contact. The bill aims to improve timely access to dental services for veterans. Passed the House with 51 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 9 Excused. Effective on September 26, 2025.

## **Healthy Families Oregon Home Visiting Services**

**SB 420** Appropriates General Fund moneys to the Department of Early Learning and Care to expand or sustain Healthy Families Oregon home visiting services. The bill passed the Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health and was referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

## **Prohibiting Immigration Status Discrimination in Housing**

**SB 599** Prohibits landlords from inquiring about or discriminating against a tenant or applicant based on immigration or citizenship status, including rejecting rental applications due to the type of identification presented. The Act also bars the disclosure or threat of disclosure of immigration status for improper purposes and authorizes statutory penalties for violations. Passed the House with 36 Ayes, 15 Nays, and 8 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 28, 2025. Effective upon passage.

## **Food for All Oregonians Program**

**SB 611** Establishes the Food for All Oregonians Program within the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to provide nutrition assistance to children six years of age or under residing in Oregon who would otherwise qualify for SNAP but are excluded due to immigration status. The bill also directs ODHS to convene an advisory group to develop evaluation metrics to ensure applicants and recipients of public assistance are treated with dignity, respect, and fairness. The bill passed the Senate Committee on Human Services. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**


## **Expanding the Child Tax Credit**

**SB 694** Modifies Oregon's child tax credit by increasing both the maximum amount of the credit and the income eligibility limits, aiming to make more families eligible for greater financial support. The changes apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026. The bill passed the Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures, where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

## **Improving Maternal and Infant Health through Coordinated Care Organizations**

**SB 695** Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and coordinated care organizations





(CCOs) to implement a whole-person maternal health model for medical assistance recipients. The Act directs CCOs to collaborate with Early Learning Hubs and federally qualified health centers in developing community health improvement plans. It also tasks the Health Plan Quality Metrics Committee with prioritizing equity-focused outcome measures in maternal and early childhood health. The bill passed the Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference, where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

### **Banning the Sale of Flavored Nicotine and Tobacco Products**

**SB 702** Prohibits the sale, distribution, or offering of flavored tobacco and inhalant delivery system products in Oregon, unless sold from premises regulated by the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission and licensed by the Department of Revenue or authorized by a local government. It defines “flavored” products and prohibits free samples of tobacco or inhalant delivery system products. The bill also requires such products to be sold only at licensed premises and allows local governments to enact stricter regulations than state law. The bill passed the Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health. It was then referred to the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue, where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

### **Protecting Access to Mental Health Services for Individuals with IDD**

**SB 729** Expands current law to ensure that no public body may deny mental health services to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD). This Act extends service access and anti-discrimination protections to all individuals with IDD and applies those protections to all public entities, reinforcing parity in mental health care delivery. Passed the Senate with 30 Ayes and 0 Nays. Passed the House with 52 Ayes. Signed into law by the Governor on June 11, 2025. Effective on September 26, 2025.

### **Substance Use Oversight Realignment**

**SB 881** Transfers the responsibilities of the Oversight and Accountability Council (OAC) to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC), directing the CJC to administer grants and funding for drug treatment and related services. The bill had a public hearing in the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Funding Support for Nurse-Family Partnership Programs**

**SB 1033** Exempts counties and other entities operating nurse-family partnership programs from paying the nonfederal share of targeted case management costs for services provided to medical assistance recipients during pregnancy and through the first two years postpartum. The bill passed the Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health and was referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it



remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

### **Guardianship Grants for Hospital Discharge Support**

**SB 1188** Directs the Oregon Public Guardian and Conservator to create two grant programs: one to expand community-based and county public guardianship services for individuals with complex health care needs experiencing hospital discharge delays, and another to assist families and friends seeking to become guardians for such individuals but lacking financial means to initiate protective proceedings. The bill passed the Senate Committee on Health Care. It was then referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Department of Early Learning and Care Budget Authorization**

**SB 5514** Establishes the 2025–2027 biennial budget for the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC). This budget is a 3% reduction from the 2025-27 current service level budget and a 0.5% reduction from the 2023-25 legislatively approved budget, amounting to \$45 million in cuts to programs that serve children and families. Passed the House with 41 Ayes, 3 Nays, 15 Excused, and 1 Absent. Effective July 1, 2025. **(Board Agenda)**

Investments include:

- \$669 million General Fund for DELC’s Grant in Aid for community-based programs for children ages 0-6.
- \$3.1 million Increases Federal Funds expenditure limitation to establish 13 positions in child care licensing to lower caseloads to the national best practice ratios and strengthen customer service and compliance demands.
- \$0.7 million General Fund for the Tribal Early Learning Fund established in HB 2815 (2025).

### **Department of Education Budget Authorization**

**SB 5515** Establishes the 2025–2027 biennial budget for the Oregon Department of Education, including appropriations from the General Fund and expenditure limits from lottery funds, fees, and federal sources. Authorizes specific nonlimited expenditures and transfers to support K–12 education and related services. Passed the House with 38 Ayes, 11 Nays, and 11 Excused. Effective July 1, 2025.

### **Department of Human Services Budget Authorization**

**SB 5526** Establishes the 2025–2027 biennial budget for the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS). The bill includes a 10% reduction in General Funds for the Self-Sufficiency Programs, reflected in a projected drop in SNAP benefits associated with the expiration of COVID-era nutritional supports. The bill also includes a \$2.3 million General Fund reduction in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) to bring licensing and certification of adult foster homes to the state level.



Passed the House with 42 Ayes, 3 Nays, 14 Excused, and 1 Absent. Effective July 1, 2025.

**(Board Agenda)**

Investments include:

- \$6.4 million General Fund increase for DHS/OHA Reshoot, adjusting TANF caseload and cost per case.
- \$19.7 million General Fund increase to continue the Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program (YEHP) expansion.
- \$1.5 million General Fund increase in I/DD to allow ODHS to review community-based care facilities and homes within 120 days after being newly licensed or after a change in ownership.
- \$1.2 million General Fund increase in Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) to allow ODHS to review community-based care facilities and homes within 120 days after being newly licensed or after a change in ownership.

## Improve Governance and Revenue Processes to Increase Efficiency



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### Establishing a Task Force on Tribal Consultation

**HB 2069** Creates the Task Force on Tribal Consultation 2025 to clarify and strengthen state agency requirements for engaging in consultation with Oregon's federally recognized tribes. The task force must submit findings and recommendations to the Legislature by September 15, 2026. Sunsets December 31, 2026. Passed the Senate with 28 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 1 Excused. Effective on passage.

### Tax Compliance for Public Contractors

**HB 2084** Requires contractors to demonstrate and maintain compliance with state, city, and county tax laws as a condition for executing public contracts. Applies to contracts executed on or after the Act's effective date. Referred to the House Committee on Revenue. The bill did not advance out of committee before adjournment.


### Surplus Proceeds After Tax Foreclosure

**HB 2089** Establishes a process allowing former property owners to claim surplus proceeds remaining after counties sell tax-foreclosed properties. Passed the Senate with 28 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Excused. Effective September 26, 2025. **(Board Agenda)**

### Earned Income Tax Credit Sunset Extension

**HB 2091** Extends the sunset date for Oregon's earned income tax credit, preserving the benefit for qualifying low- and moderate-income workers. Passed House Revenue





Committee and referred to the Tax Expenditures Committee. In committee upon adjournment.

### **Local Income Tax Uniformity Requirements**

**HB 2110** Requires local governments imposing an income tax to follow state definitions for determining net income. Repeals the authority of a metropolitan service district to impose an income tax. Applies only to ordinances not approved by voters before January 1, 2025. The bill did not advance out of committee before adjournment.

### **Income and Corporate Tax Bracket Inflation Adjustment**

**HB 2116** Would have required the thresholds for the highest personal income tax bracket and corporate excise tax bracket to adjust annually for inflation, beginning with tax years starting on or after January 1, 2026. Referred to the House Revenue Committee. No further action taken before adjournment.

### **Organizational Standing in Oregon Tax Court**

**HB 2119** Grants associations and organizations standing to seek declaratory relief in the Oregon Tax Court. Passed the Senate with 26 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 4 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 28, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **Waiver of Unemployment Waiting Week During Severe Weather Emergencies**

**HB 2125** Authorizes the Director of the Employment Department to waive the unpaid waiting week period for unemployment insurance claimants who are unable to work due to a state-declared emergency related to severe weather. The bill passed the House on April 10, 2025 with 36 Ayes, 20 Nays, and 4 Excused. A public hearing was held in the Senate Committee on Labor and Business on April 29, 2025. The bill did not advance out of committee before adjournment.

### **Economic Development Reporting Requirements**

**HB 2351** Updates statutory requirements for businesses receiving state economic development benefits to report specified data and allows for more consistent release of that information. The bill passed the Senate with 18 Ayes, 10 Nays, and 2 Excused. Effective on September 26, 2025.

### **Ethical Procurement Task Force**

**HB 2425** Establishes the Task Force on Ethical Procurement to develop strategies ensuring that public bodies do not purchase products, including electric vehicles and solar panels, that involve forced labor or oppressive child labor. The bill originally proposed requiring certifications from vendors but was amended to create a task force instead. In committee upon adjournment.



## **Certification Requirements for Glazing Contractors on Public Projects**

**HB 2680** Requires contractors seeking public funds for installing, repairing, or remodeling fenestration products or systems in public buildings to hold national certification as glazing contractors, and to employ at least one nationally certified architectural glass and metal technician. Passed the Senate with 19 Ayes, 10 Nays, and 1 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 11, 2025. Effective on September 26, 2025.

## **Workers' Compensation Litigation Cost Adjustment**

**HB 2799** Raises and indexes the cap on witness fees, expenses, and costs awarded to claimants who prevail in workers' compensation disputes involving denial of benefits. The bill passed the Senate with 25 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 3 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 27, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

## **Public Accountability Requirements for Nonprofits Receiving Public Funds**

**HB 2848** Would have required certain nonprofit corporations that receive public funds to follow public transparency and accountability rules. Specifically, it proposed requiring eligible nonprofits to comply with public meetings and public records laws, post their proposed annual budgets online, submit to audits, and adhere to government ethics standards. Compliance would have phased in over a 15-year period, depending on how much of a nonprofit's budget came from public funding. Referred to the House Rules Committee. No further action taken before adjournment.

## **Penalties for Noncompliance with PECBA Requirements**


**HB 2944** Establishes civil penalties for public employers with a history of failing to comply with the Public Employee Collective Bargaining Act (PECBA), while allowing the Employment Relations Board to consider extenuating circumstances. The bill passed the Senate with 16 Ayes, 11 Nays, and 3 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 5, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

## **Public Involvement in Land Use Planning**

**HB 2950** Requires the Land Conservation and Development Commission to update Oregon's land use planning goal on "citizen involvement" by June 30, 2029, and directs the Department of Land Conservation and Development to provide recommendations on improving the goal amendment process by the end of 2026. Establishes the Public Involvement Goal Update Fund and appropriates funds for this purpose. In committee upon adjournment.

## **Document Recording Safeguards**

**HB 2952** Requires additional identifying information to be included on certificates of notarial acts and certain recorded documents. Authorizes county clerks to reject documents that appear to be fraudulent based on specific characteristics. The House



Committee on Rules held a public hearing, but the bill did not advance out of committee before adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

### **Labor Rights Statute of Limitations and Notice Reform**

**HB 2957** Prohibits employers from using contracts to shorten the statute of limitations for claims under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI), establishing such contracts as an unlawful employment practice. The bill also sets timelines for BOLI to issue notices of rights and for complainants to file civil actions, with clarifications for resolved matters. Passed the Senate with 16 Ayes, 6 Nays, and 10 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 24, 2025. Effective on passage.

### **Expansion of Oregon Earned Income Tax Credit**

**HB 2958** Would have increased the amount of the state's earned income tax credit (EITC), made the credit available to more low-income adults (including childless adults over 18) and allowed for quarterly advance payments. The bill also proposed protecting EITC payments from garnishment and extended the sunset of the program. The changes would have applied beginning with tax year 2026. Referred to the Joint Tax Expenditures Committee. No further action taken before adjournment.

### **Planning Commission Membership Expansion**

**HB 3136** Removes the previous cap that limited city or county planning commissions with more than five members to having no more than two members employed in the real estate industry. The bill allows broader participation by land use professionals on planning commissions. Passed the Senate with 23 Ayes, 4 Nays, and 3 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 20, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **Special Property Tax Assessment for Seniors**


**HB 3163** Allows counties to provide a specially assessed value for ad valorem property taxation on owner-occupied primary residences of individuals who are at least 62 years old. This optional program would offer property tax relief for qualifying seniors through local ordinances or resolutions. Heard in the House Revenue Committee on February 20, 2025. The bill did not advance out of committee before adjournment.

### **County Recording Fee Statutory Cap Repeal**

**HB 3175** Removes the statutory cap on fees counties may charge to fund activities related to maintaining and preserving public land survey corners. These fees support critical surveying functions that uphold property boundary integrity and land use accuracy. Passed the Senate with 24 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 4 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 19, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **Alcohol Taxation Study**





**HB 3197** Directs the Legislative Revenue Officer to study the taxation of beer and wine sales and report findings to the legislature by September 15, 2026. The measure sunsets on January 2, 2027. The bill did not advance out of committee before adjournment.

### **Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans**

**HB 3287** Increases the property tax exemption for veterans with disabilities and extends the exemption to the surviving spouses of veterans who remain unmarried. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Revenue, which held a public hearing on February 20, 2025. The bill did not advance out of committee before adjournment.

### **Overtime Calculation for OPSRP Final Salary**

**HB 3363** Modifies how the overtime cap is calculated when determining the final average salary of members of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan (OPSRP). The House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards referred the bill without recommendation to the House Committee on Rules, and then to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference. In committee upon adjournment.

### **County Clerk Fee Increases**

**HB 3383** Raises certain fees charged by county clerks. The House Committee on Rules held a public hearing on the bill, but it did not advance out of committee before adjournment.

### **Public Record Fee Exemption**

**HB 3385** Modifies the statute governing the fee schedule for public records filed with a county clerk, clarifying that the clerks' fee schedule for copies of documents applies. Passed the Senate with 28 Ayes and 1 Nay. Signed into law by the Governor on May 7, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.


### **Campaign Finance Study**

**HB 3392** Directs the Secretary of State to study campaign finance and report findings to the interim legislative committees on elections by September 15, 2026. The bill includes a sunset date of January 2, 2027. The House Committee on Rules held a public hearing on June 25, 2025, but the scheduled work session was cancelled. The bill did not advance out of committee before adjournment.

### **County Assessment and Taxation Fund Revenue Increase**

**HB 3518** Increases the county recording fee credited to the County Assessment and Taxation Fund and indexes the fee to inflation. The bill also provides that a portion of all property tax revenue, excluding bond levy revenue, be deposited into the same fund. In committee upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

### **Contract Preferences for Employee-Owned Businesses**



**HB 3646** Allows state contracting agencies to give preference in public procurement to businesses in which employees own at least 50% of the entity directly or through an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP). Passed the Senate with 19 Ayes, 10 Nays, and 1 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 11, 2025. Effective September 26, 2025.

### **Expansion of Homestead Property Tax Deferral Eligibility**

**HB 3712** Expands eligibility for the homestead property tax deferral program by adjusting the real market value and household income thresholds. Directs the Legislative Revenue Officer to study whether program eligibility should be based on home equity rather than income and report findings to the Legislative Assembly. Passed the Senate with 30 Ayes and 0 Nays. Effective on September 26, 2025.

### **Public Comment Requirement for Government Meetings**

**HB 3887** Defines “work session” within Oregon’s public meetings law and requires public bodies to provide an opportunity for public comment during any meeting in which a final vote will be taken. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Rules, where a public hearing was held. The bill did not advance out of committee before adjournment.

### **Support for COBID Certification Assistance Organizations**

**SB 569** Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to establish a grant program for nonprofit and community-based organizations that help minority-owned businesses obtain Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity (COBID) certification to enhance their access to public contracting opportunities. The bill requires the department to set criteria for awarding and monitoring grants. The Senate Committee on Labor and Business recommended passage and referred the bill to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained under consideration. The bill did not advance before adjournment.

### **Pay Stub Transparency Requirements**

**SB 906** Requires employers to give all employees a written explanation of pay stub earnings and deductions at the time of hire, with annual updates. Authorizes the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) to enforce the requirements and provide model guidance in English, Spanish, and other languages upon request. Passed the House with 35 Ayes, 17 Nays, and 7 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 28, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **Unemployment Insurance Benefits for Striking Workers**

**SB 916** Allows otherwise eligible employees to receive unemployment insurance (UI) benefits during an active labor dispute, with a one-week disqualification for striking workers. Requires repayment of UI benefits if back pay is received and directs school districts to recoup UI costs during labor disputes through future wage deductions.



Re-passed by the House with 35 Ayes, 22 Nays, and 3 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 24, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **Public Employee Wage Deduction Procedures**

**SB 968** Establishes conditions and procedures under which a public employer may deduct erroneous overpayments from a public employee's wages. Passed the House with 34 Ayes, 14 Nays, and 12 Excused. Effective on passage.

### **Property Tax Credits for Active-Duty Service Members and Disabled Veterans**

**SB 1094** Creates a property tax credit for Oregon residents serving on active military duty and for disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The bill extends eligibility to those living in nonprofit homes for the elderly and phases out existing partial exemption programs. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die. Passed the Senate 30-0. Referred to the House Committee on Revenue, where it remained under consideration. The bill did not advance before adjournment.

### **Vacant Home Fee Authorization**

**SB 1095** Authorizes cities and counties to impose a fee on noncommercial residential properties that are vacant for more than 180 consecutive or cumulative days in a calendar year. The Senate Committee on Housing and Development recommended passage with amendments and referred the bill to the Committee on Finance and Revenue. In committee upon adjournment.

## **Other Relevant Bills to the County**

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### **Legislative Measure Request Limits**

**HB 2006** Limits the number of legislative measures that legislators, committees, the Governor, state agencies, other statewide elected officials, and the Judicial Department may request from Legislative Counsel for a regular session in an odd-numbered year. Individual legislators are limited to 25 requests, legislative committees to 15, the Governor and agencies under the Governor to 400, other statewide elected officials to 25, and the Judicial Department to 100, with specified exceptions. A public hearing was held in the House Committee on Rules, and was where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Food Waste Reduction and Compost Procurement**

**HB 3018** Requires food businesses to implement specific food waste recovery and disposal practices. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to educate businesses on separation and disposal requirements. Mandates local governments to offer food waste





collection services and directs state agencies to prioritize specified compost feedstock in procurement. The bill also standardizes food date labeling. The House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment recommended passage with amendments (A-Engrossed) and referred the bill to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. The bill did not advance out of committee before adjournment.

### **State Gun Dealer Licensing Program**

**HB 3076** Establishes a state-administered gun dealer licensing program through the Oregon Department of Justice. The program requires licenses for dealers of firearms, frames, receivers, and unfinished receivers starting July 1, 2027, for certain licensees, and July 1, 2028, for all others. The bill outlines licensing eligibility, inspection authority, recordkeeping, employee background checks, and penalties for violations. Requires licensure for gun show transfers. In committee upon adjournment.

### **Prescription Benefit Manager Oversight Enhancements**

**HB 3212** Creates new rules and requirements for pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) and health insurance policies that reimburse the cost of prescription drugs. The bill was originally referred to the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care, where a public hearing and work session were held. It was then referred to the House Committee on Rules. The bill did not advance out of committee before adjournment.

### **Ground Ambulance Billing Reform**


**HB 3243** Prohibits balance billing for ground ambulance services in specified situations and sets rules for how health insurance plans reimburse for ambulance services. Requires ambulance providers to submit their local rates to the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), which must create a public database of those rates. DCBS is authorized to enforce compliance through penalties and must report on the law's implementation. Passed the Senate with 25 Ayes, 4 Nays, and 1 Excused. Effective on January 1, 2026.

### **Harmful Algal Bloom Mitigation Funding**

**HB 3314** Appropriates General Fund moneys to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to the Human Access Project to mitigate harmful algal blooms. The House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water recommended passage with amendments (A-Engrossed) and referred the bill to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **340B Drug Reimbursement Rules**

**HB 3409** Allows health insurers and pharmacy benefit managers to require that claims for reimbursement of prescription drugs indicate whether the drug is a 340B drug, unless certain criteria are met. Passed the Senate with 18 Ayes, 12 Nays, and 0 Excused. Signed



into law by the Governor on June 17, 2025. Effective on September 26, 2025.

### **Strategic Planning and Investment in Emergency Medical Services**

**HB 3572** Directs the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program to develop a statewide 10-year EMS strategic plan and provides funding for workforce development, licensing subsidies, and regional innovation projects. The bill allows the Governor to deploy EMS resources in state emergencies, establishes a new EMS Mobilization Advisory Board, and renames the Pediatric EMS Advisory Committee. Referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Lunar New Year State Holiday Designation**

**HB 3595** Establishes the Lunar New Year as a legal state holiday in Oregon. The House Committee on Rules held a public hearing, but the bill did not advance out of committee before adjournment.

### **Legal Protections for Animal Rescue Entities Handling Cats**

**HB 3604** Establishes legal defenses and civil liability immunity for animal rescue entities that take possession of, care for, or dispose of cats in accordance with the provisions of the Act. This measure is intended to support animal welfare efforts and clarify liability concerns for organizations engaging in cat rescue or management. Passed the Senate with 26 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 3 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on May 27, 2025. Effective on September 26, 2025.

### **Election Day Holiday and Voting Procedure Overhaul**


**HB 3777** Proposed making Election Day a state holiday and required employers to provide up to eight hours of paid leave for employees to vote. The bill would have shifted Oregon's voting model to prioritize in-person voting, limited vote-by-mail eligibility, and required photo identification to vote or request a mail ballot. The House Committee on Rules held the bill, which did not advance before adjournment.

### **Peer Support Confidentiality for Public Safety Workers**

**HB 3929** Modifies provisions related to the confidentiality and admissibility of communications made by certain public safety employees to peer supporters, establishing a form of testimonial privilege. Passed the Senate with 29 Ayes. Signed into law by the Governor on June 11, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **Wildfire Resilience and Funding Overhaul**

**HB 3940** Implements a broad wildfire response and resilience funding package. The bill imposes a tax on oral nicotine products and allocates a portion of interest from the Rainy Day Fund to wildfire-related programs. It also expands the forest products harvest tax, restructures fire protection district assessments, enables grants for wildfire retrofitting of



homes, and authorizes the transfer of funds for wildfire costs across state agencies. The Senate passed the bill with 20 Ayes, 8 Nays, 1 Excused, and 1 Absent. Effective on September 26, 2025.

### **End of Session Appropriations**

**HB 5006** Makes additional and supplemental appropriations to state agencies, local governments and community organizations, including additional funding for eviction prevention.

### **Animal Rescue and Breeder Licensing Program**

**SB 1076** Directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture to create a licensing program for breeders of specified animals and to impose fees on animal rescue entities for licenses and renewals. The bill modifies the definition of “animal rescue entity,” authorizes investigations and inspections of breeders, and provides criminal penalties for violations. In committee upon adjournment.

### **Election Study by Secretary of State**

**SB 44** Directs the Secretary of State to study elections and submit findings to the interim legislative committees related to elections by September 15, 2026. Multnomah County proposed an amendment to the bill that would provide clarification for the administration of local ranked choice voting election contests. The bill includes a sunset date of January 2, 2027. The Senate Committee on Rules held a public hearing on the bill, but no further action was taken before adjournment.

### **Wildfire Risk Reduction and Fire Protection Reform**

**SB 83** Revises laws related to wildfire mitigation and fire protection. Eliminates building code standards and mapping mandates for wildfire hazard zones, voids certain hazard zone assignments, and directs the State Fire Marshal to develop a model defensible space code. Also adjusts wildfire advisory council membership and requires state agencies to update wildfire risk reduction reporting. Passed the House with 50 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 9 Excused. Awaiting Governor’s signature. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.


### **Landowner Immunity Law Made Permanent**

**SB 179** Makes permanent the temporary changes enacted in 2024 to landowner immunity laws, providing continued liability protections for landowners under certain circumstances. The bill passed the House with 48 Ayes and 11 Excused. The Governor signed the bill on May 28, 2025. Effective on January 1, 2026.

### **Oral Healthcare Coordination Grant Program**

**SB 597** Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish a grant program that provides financial support to certified dental sealant programs engaged in oral health care





coordination. The bill outlines how grant funds should be distributed. The bill was referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Nonprofit Advisory Council and State Contracting Reform**

**SB 602** Establishes the Nonprofit Advisory Council to improve how state agencies interact with nonprofit organizations in awarding grants and contracts. The council is tasked with consulting state agencies and DAS on contracting and procurement policies, recommending updates to laws and rules, evaluating the need for a centralized grant database, and reporting to the Legislature. The bill also sets new requirements for state agency agreements with nonprofits. The bill was referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Maternal and Neonatal Health & Peer Support Services**

**SB 691** Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to allocate funding to an Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) entity focused on improving maternal and neonatal health outcomes. The bill also requires OHA and coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to reimburse for peer-delivered services (regardless of the clinical setting) as well as for inpatient hospital services for certain individuals. The bill was referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

### **Access to Perinatal Services**

**SB 692** establishes a community-based perinatal services access program to increase culturally specific and culturally competent support during the perinatal period. The bill expands Medicaid and private insurance coverage for services provided by doulas, lactation counselors, and lactation educators. It also directs the Health Licensing Office to adopt rules regulating lactation counselors and educators. The bill passed the House with 44 Ayes, 4 Nays, and 12 Excused. Effective on July 1st, 2026. **(Board Agenda)**

### **Perinatal Workforce Task Force**

**SB 693** Establishes the Task Force on the Perinatal Workforce to evaluate Oregon's current perinatal workforce and recommend improvements. The task force is required to report its findings to the Legislature by December 1, 2026. The bill includes a sunset date of December 31, 2026, and takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die. The bill was referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment. **(Board Agenda)**

### **Landfill Methane Monitoring in Benton County**

**SB 726** Requires municipal solid waste landfills in Benton County to conduct surface methane emissions monitoring and report findings to address methane leaks. Passed House with 31 Ayes, 24 Nays, and 8 Excused. Signed into law by the Governor on June 16, 2025. Effective on September 26, 2025.





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