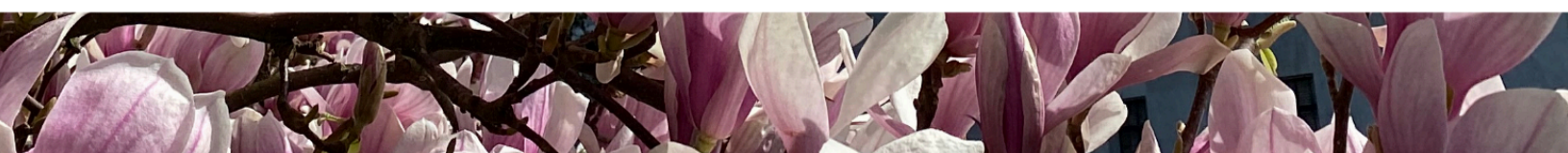




**Oregon's Legislative Session Report - 2026**  
**Multnomah County Office of Government Relations**



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# Legislative Session Recap

The 2026 Legislative Session convened on February 2, 2026, and adjourned sine die on March 6, 2026, two days earlier than the constitutional end-of-session deadline. A total of 304 bills were introduced during the 2026 Regular Session, and Multnomah County tracked 203 bills with a potential impact on county operations.

The session occurred during a period of continued economic uncertainty and federal instability. Shortly after adjournment of the 2025 Regular Session, the U.S. Congress enacted H.R.1, which made sweeping changes to the tax code and resulted in a \$900 million decline in forecasted revenues for Oregon's general fund for the remainder of the 2025-2027 biennium.

In preparation for the 2026 Session, Multnomah County developed a [state legislative agenda](#) urging legislators to protect core safety-net services that keep Oregonians housed, healthy, and safe and to avoid shifting state costs onto local governments.

At the conclusion of the session, the Legislative Assembly enacted minor general fund reductions to state agency and program budgets. While the Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means had signaled the likelihood of substantial budget reductions, they ultimately avoided significant cuts due to additional revenues. The Legislature enacted SB 1507, the "tax disconnect" bill, which preserved \$300 million in state funding that would have otherwise become tax breaks. Additionally, the revenue forecast in early February showed an improved budget baseline.

The Oregon Department of Transportation entered the session with a nearly \$300 million deficit for the remainder of the biennium. To address this shortfall, the Legislative Assembly swept funding from programs such as Connect Oregon, Safe Routes to Schools, Community Paths, as well as other accounts, and redirected those funds to operations and maintenance. In addition to these funding sweeps, ODOT will have to leave many vacant positions unfilled.

Wins for Multnomah County in the revised biennial budget include \$1.9 million for the East Multnomah Outreach, Prevention, and Intervention Program

(EMOPI) and \$8 million for universal legal representation for immigrants and refugees. Key policy bills from the session include a suite of legislation increasing protections for immigrants and refugees, as well as a bill enabling state and local investment in the Moda Center.

# Legislative & Budget Priorities by Area

## Human Services

### **Oregon Foster Children’s Bill of Rights**

[SB 1533](#) [Passed] Modifies the Oregon Foster Children’s Bill of Rights and the Oregon Foster Children’s Sibling Bill of Rights. The bill also requires the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to inform parents and guardians that department representatives cannot provide legal advice during an investigation of suspected child abuse. Passed the House with 42 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 5 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

### **Modifying Access to Employment Related Daycare for TANF Recipients**

[SB 1535](#) [Passed] Allows the Early Learning Council to modify the priority given to families receiving temporary assistance for needy families for participation in the Employment Related Day Care subsidy program. Passed the House of Representatives with 52 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 4 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

### **Residential Rates of Public Utilities**

[HB 4025](#) [Passed] Allows an increase in the residential rates of a public utility to take effect from November 1 to March 31 for public utilities other than public utilities that provide electricity or natural gas services. Passed the Senate with 24 Ayes, 4 Nays, and 2 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

### **Providing Standardized Information to Families Seeking Early Learning and Care**

[HB 4057](#) [Passed] Directs the Department of Early Learning and Care to provide standardized information on all publicly funded early learning and care programs and resources available in this state to people who apply for or

are placed on the waitlist for the Employment Related Day Care subsidy program. Passed the Senate with 28 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 1 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## **Smoking Policies in Residential Tenancies**

[HB 4120](#) [Passed] Allows residential landlords of multifamily housing to convert premises to nonsmoking for existing tenants upon 180 days' written notice. Passed the Senate with 24 Ayes, 4 Nays, and 2 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## Health Care & Behavioral Health

### Insurance Coverage for Cervical Cancer Testing

[SB 1527](#) [Passed] Prohibits cost-sharing on certain health insurance, Oregon Educators Benefit Board and Public Employees' Benefit Board coverage of cervical cancer screenings and follow-up examinations. Passed the House of Representatives with 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 6 Excused. Takes effect January 1, 2027.

### Safer Packaging for Cannabis Edibles

[SB 1548](#) [Failed] Would have required cannabinoid edibles to be individually packaged and allowed up to 10 milligrams of adult-use cannabinoid per individual cannabinoid edible. Passed the Senate, then referred to the House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade, where it remained upon adjournment.

### Increasing Investigations for Deaths Potentially Caused by Assault

[SB 1550](#) [Failed] This bill would have directed the medical examiner, in cases where a person is suspected to have died from suicide, accident, or other undetermined cause, to review the person's documented evidence of abuse and interview family members. SB 1550 would have significantly strained medical examiner operations as autopsies would be required in many non-suspicious deaths, and families would be prevented from denying autopsies, in those cases, for personal or religious reasons. Referred to the Joint Ways and Means Committee, where it remained upon adjournment.

### Modernizing Definition of Tobacco Products

[SB 1571](#) [Passed] This bill adds a definition of "nicotine" and expands the definition of "tobacco products." This change incorporates products known as "nicotine pouches" into Oregon law governing the use, regulation, and taxation of tobacco products. Multnomah County's definition already covers

products such as nicotine pouches, and SB 1571 enables this change to take place at the state level. Passed the House of Representatives with 36 Ayes, 8 Nays, 6 Absent, and 10 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Prohibits Syringe Service Programs Near Child Care Facilities**

[SB 1573](#) [Failed] Would have prohibited a syringe service program (SSP) from operating within 2,000 feet of a child care facility or school and permitted any person to bring a cause of action for damages against an SSP operating in a prohibited area. Referred to the Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Ensuring Patient Access to Immunizations**

[SB 1598](#) [Passed] Requires certain health benefit plans to provide coverage for preventive health services in accordance with federal rules in effect on June 30, 2025, and immunizations recommended by the Public Health Officer in the future. This bill ensures that patients can continue to have access to preventive care from immunizations, and immunizations even in the uncertain federal public health landscape. Passed the House of Representatives with 39 Ayes, 18 Nays, and 3 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## **Changing Oregon Health Plan's Prioritized List of Services**

[HB 4003](#) [Failed] Would have removed provisions relating to the use of the prioritized list of health services in the state medical assistance program. Referred to the House Health Care Committee, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Limiting Audits for Behavioral Health Providers**

[HB 4028](#) [Failed] Would have imposed requirements and restrictions on insurer and coordinated care organization audits of claims for reimbursement submitted by behavioral health treatment providers. Passed the House of

Representatives, then referred to the Senate Committee on Health Care, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Rate Setting Process for Coordinated Care Organizations**

[HB 4039](#) [Passed] Requires the Oregon Health Authority to develop a transparent and data-driven process for developing capitation rates for coordinated care organizations. Passed the Senate with 28 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## **Health Care Policy Omnibus**

[HB 4040](#) [Passed] This is the House Health Care Committee omnibus bill, and it contains 17 unrelated health care policy changes, including:

- Makes changes to screening requirements for determining presumptive eligibility for financial assistance by increasing the minimum amount the patient owes the hospital from \$500 to \$1,500 for a single encounter.
- Specifies that a residential care facility administrator may have a bachelor's degree in any field, rather than only a health or social service-related field.
- Medicaid Carceral Transitions: Permits Oregon Health Authority to enroll an eligible person in prerelease medical assistance benefits.
- Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to post a complete public agenda for a Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC) meeting at least 14 days before the meeting and prohibits agenda changes after posting. Directs OHA to provide written public testimony to commission members within 48 hours of the close of the public comment period.
- Parent Providers: Removes the requirement that a parent provider be employed by an agency and allows a parent provider to be employed as a direct support professional or a personal support worker.
- Allows dental students from accredited out-of-state dental schools to rotate in Oregon.

- Requires commercial insurance plans to cover medically necessary anesthesia services without restricting coverage based on the duration of services.
- Dental Protections Parity: Creates protections for dental providers related to commercial dental insurance, including establishing a timeline for dental insurers to respond to dental claims, prohibiting certain contract provisions, establishing requirements for when dental insurers may request a refund from a dental provider, and requiring direct payments for covered services.
- Repeals the provision from Senate Bill 1529 (2022) that mandated the automatic assignment of primary care providers for commercial insurers.
- Clarifies exemptions from the requirement that pharmacy services administrative organizations register with the Department of Consumer and Business Services as a third-party administrator.
- Revises the requirement that the Prescription Drug Affordability Board identify up to nine drugs and at least one insulin product as creating affordability challenges.
- Allows psilocybin facilitators who completed an approved training in another state to practice in Oregon. Allows physical therapists and occupational therapists to become licensed as psilocybin facilitators.
- Allows physician associates and nurse practitioners to continue seeing workers' compensation patients beyond 180 days without referring them to an attending physician.

Passed the Senate with 27 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 2 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## **Emergency Medical Services Program Fund**

[HB 4053](#) [Passed] Establishes the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program Fund and directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to create programming for EMS workforce development and training, and makes changes to the EMS program and associated advisory boards. Passed the Senate with 27 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 2 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Written Safety Policy for Behavioral Health Workplaces**

[HB 4069](#) [Passed] Requires a behavioral health employer to implement a written safety policy or plan for the physical safety of individuals working for the behavioral health employer. Passed the Senate with 24 Ayes, 3 Nays, and 3 Excused. Takes effect July 1, 2027.

## **Behavioral Health Treatment Access**

[HB 4070](#) [Passed] Requires the Oregon Health Authority and coordinated care organizations to ensure that access to behavioral health treatment in the medical assistance program is comparable to access to medical and surgical treatment and that limitations are applied to behavioral health treatment no more stringently than to medical and surgical treatment. Contains recommendations from the behavioral health funding study passed in 2024. Requires behavioral health providers using telehealth to be licensed by 2027. Requires that access to mental health treatment and services and substance use disorder treatment and services is comparable to access to medical and surgical treatment and services. Re-passed the House of Representatives with 53 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 7 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Reducing Barriers for Behavioral Health Workforce**

[HB 4083](#) [Passed] Introduced by Governor Tina Kotek to streamline the process for individuals seeking to become behavioral health professionals. The bill requires the Oregon Health Authority to adopt a uniform process for credentialing behavioral health providers and select an existing electronic credentialing system. Passed the Senate with 27 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 1 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Protecting Access and Shielding Reproductive and Gender-Affirming Care**

[HB 4088](#) [Passed] Declares Oregon's policy to protect reproductive health care and gender-affirming treatment. Creates privacy protections for individuals engaged in health care services related to legal reproductive or gender-affirming care that occurs in Oregon. Increases Oregon's reproductive

and gender-affirming care shield law by broadening protections against disclosing names and addresses, to also include images and home telephone numbers of providers or patients. Passed the Senate with 18 Ayes, 12 Nays, and 0 Excused. Declares an emergency, takes effect on passage.

## **Urgent Care Transparency**

[HB 4107](#) [Passed] Requires an urgent care center to make publicly available specified information about the urgent care center, offer specified services and, except in certain circumstances, have at least one licensed health care provider on site during the hours of operation. Passed the Senate with 28 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 1 Excused. Takes effect January 1, 2027.

## **Financial Support for Planned Parenthood**

[HB 4127](#) [Passed] Requires the Oregon Health Authority to adopt a payment mechanism to pay certain nonprofit reproductive health care providers that are not eligible to receive federal Medicaid funds for services provided to medical assistance recipients. Passed the Senate with 18 Ayes, 11 Nays, and 1 Excused. Declares an emergency, takes effect on passage.

## **Mobile Pharmacies**

[HB 4131](#) [Passed] Directs the State Board of Pharmacy to issue a license to operate a mobile pharmacy to a qualified applicant. Passed the Senate with 30 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Awareness Day**

[HB 4135](#) [Passed] Designates March 4th of each year as HPV Awareness Day. Passed the Senate with 29 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Excused. Declares an emergency, takes effect on passage.

## **Protecting Federal Funding for Ground Emergency Medical Transportation**

[HB 4156](#) [Passed] Modifies the requirements for Medicaid supplemental reimbursements paid to emergency medical services providers. This bill is

responding to potential changes at the federal level that could threaten the current funding through intergovernmental transfers. HB 4156 authorizes alternative funding mechanisms to allow for the continued financial support of emergency medical services. Passed the Senate with 29 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Excused. Declares an emergency, takes effect on passage.

## **Community Safety, Corrections & Specialty Courts**

### **Directs Law Enforcement When a History of Abuse is Present**

[SB 1550](#) [Failed] Directs investigators of deaths of decedents, prior to making any findings as to the cause or manner of death where the decedent is suspected to have died from suicide, accident, or other undetermined cause, to review documented evidence of abuse. Referred to the Joint Ways and Means Committee, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Wrongful Convictions**

[SB 1515](#) [Passed] Modifies provisions relating to petitions for compensation for wrongful conviction and post-conviction relief based on a finding that individuals who have been wrongfully convicted and imprisoned in Oregon have been unable to obtain proper reparations. Passed the House of Representatives with 29 Ayes and 1 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

### **Clarifies Standing Pretrial Release Orders**

[SB 1516](#) [Passed] Provides that standing pretrial release orders do not affect the authority of a magistrate to consider the primary and secondary release criteria when making a release decision. Passed the House of Representatives with 54 Ayes, 3 Nays, and 3 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

### **Threats Concerning Public Officials**

[SB 1530](#) [Failed] Expands the crime of aggravated harassment to include threats concerning public officials in specified circumstances. Passed the Senate, referred to the House Committee on Rules, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Modifies Timeline for Arraignment**

[HB 4072](#) [Passed] Excludes holidays, weekends, and days when a court is closed from the 96 hours within which a person must be arraigned after being arrested and released from custody on an accusatory instrument. Passed the Senate with 28 Ayes and 2 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Crime of Possession of a Firearm**

[HB 4096](#) [Failed] Creates the crime of aggravated felon in possession of a firearm when a person who has been convicted of a felony possesses three or more firearms or has certain prior convictions. Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Transportation of Persons Subject to Involuntary Treatment**

[HB 4106](#) [Failed] Declares that peace officers are immune from criminal and civil liability for the use of restraints or physical force during the transportation of a person subject to involuntary treatment, provided certain criteria are met. Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Ballot Measure 114 (2022) Provisions**

[HB 4145](#) [Passed] Provides that the provisions of Ballot Measure 114 (2022) apply to firearm transfers conducted, and large-capacity magazine manufacture, importation, possession, use, purchase, sale, or transfer occurring, on or after January 1, 2028. Passed the House of Representatives on concurrence with 50 Ayes, 3 Nays, and 5 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## **Initiating a False Report**

[HB 4151](#) [Passed] Increases the penalties for the crime of initiating a false report when a person intentionally causes an enhanced law enforcement response and recklessly causes serious physical injury or death as a result of the response. Passed the Senate with 28 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Housing & Homelessness Response**

### **Regulation of Public Property and Individuals Experiencing Homelessness**

[SB 1514](#) [Failed] Repeals the statute enacted by House Bill 3115 (2021) that established objective reasonableness as a statewide standard for city and county laws regulating the use of public property with respect to persons experiencing homelessness, as the basis for a cause of action for injunctive and declaratory relief to challenge such laws and as an affirmative defense in the prosecution of violations of such laws. Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and General Government, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Portland Metropolitan Statistical Area Developments**

[SB 1521](#) [Passed] Allows local governments in the Portland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) to require that new multiunit residential developments include a minimum number of affordable units only if the local government offsets, in payments to the developer, the expected loss in marginal value caused by the requirement. These provisions become operable for new developments containing rental housing on January 1, 2028, and for all new developments on January 1, 2029. Passed the House of Representatives with 32 Ayes, 21 Nays, and 4 Excused.

## **Electronic Access to Residential Tenancies**

[SB 1523](#) [Passed] Requires landlords who use a tenant portal for processing rental applications or managing payments to provide non-electronic alternatives upon request, and it prohibits penalties for tenants who apply for a tenancy or make payments using allowable non-electronic methods. Passed the House of Representatives with 51 Ayes, 6 Nays, and 3 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Funds Mixed-Income Housing**

[SB 1567](#) [Passed] Directs Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to develop and implement a program to provide below-market, short-term loans for the development of mixed-income housing. Passed the House of Representatives with 47 Ayes, 4 Nays, and 4 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Modifying Eligibility and Conditions of the UGB Expansion Program**

[HB 4035](#) [Passed] Expands eligibility for cities and Metro to amend their urban growth boundaries under a temporary program. In 2024, the Legislative Assembly passed SB 1537, which created a one-time option for cities to add a limited amount of land to their urban growth boundary under certain conditions. HB 4035 broadens the criteria to justify use of the one-time UGB expansion option, and gives the City of Woodburn additional exemptions to participate in the process. Repassed the House of Representatives after Senate amendments with 56 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 4 Excused. Declares an emergency, takes effect upon passage.

## **Housing Opportunity, Longevity and Durability Fund**

[HB 4036](#) [Passed] Establishes the Housing Opportunity, Longevity and Durability Fund to support the preservation of affordable housing and authorizes \$100 million in Article XI-Q general obligation bonds for deposit into the fund. Passed the Senate with 22 Ayes, 7 Nays, and 1 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

# House Housing and Homelessness Committee Omnibus Bill

[HB 4037](#) [Passed] This bill contains a number of different policy changes related to housing and land use, including:

- Adjusts certain terms of the revolving loan program for cities and counties to fund affordable housing projects, as well as the regulation of the projects to remain affordable.
- Adds the following new procedural limitations for applications for local governments: providing notice only to owners of record within 100 feet of the subject property, or within 500 feet for developments of 20 units or more; not requiring a public hearing before making a decision; and allowing a local appeal only to the applicant.
- Establishes statutory rules for termination, rent obligations, return of deposits, and tenant access following destruction of a dwelling unit by a natural disaster, and limits tenant rent liability while the unit is posted as unsafe or unlawful to occupy.
- Directs Land Conservation and Development Commission to amend its rules on the prioritization of lands added to an urban reserve to allow local governments to assign lower priority to lands for which the future provision of urban services is not reasonable or cost-effective due to terrain or other physical constraints.
- Provides that if an application is submitted for an affordable housing development within a planned mixed-use development, and that application would have the effect of reducing the lands available for commercial use within the planned development to less than 80 percent of the amount in the adopted plan, the applicant must amend the planned development to allow an additional area not smaller than the proposed housing development.
- Modifies the timeline for final plat approval following tentative approval of a middle housing land division.

The House of Representatives repassed the bill after Senate amendments with 52 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 7 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Smoking Policies in Residential Tenancies**

[HB 4120](#) [Passed] Allows residential landlords of multifamily housing to convert premises to nonsmoking for existing tenants upon 180 days' written notice. The measure prohibits the change from taking effect during a fixed-term tenancy until the end of the term and the landlord must provide at least one designated smoking area on the premises. Passed the Senate with 24 Ayes, 4 Nays, and 2 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Aligning with Federal Policy on Students who Experience Homelessness**

[HB 4149](#) [Passed] Directs school districts to adopt policies that provide for the immediate enrollment, school placement and provision of services to homeless students, aligning state law with federal law. Passed the Senate with 26 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 2 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## Economy & Workforce

### **Coordinating State and Local Investment to Modernize the Moda Center**

[SB 1501](#) [Passed] Authorizes the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to enter into agreements to own and oversee the operations of the Moda Center in the City of Portland, in partnership with the City and Multnomah County. SB 1501 includes taxpayer protections for public funds used as part of the renovations, and allows the issuance of state general obligation bonds for renovations to be paid back by taxes generated by activities at the venue. Passed the House of Representatives with 42 Ayes, 14 Nays, and 4 Excused. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

### **Bolstering Workforce Development Through Prosperity 10,000**

[SB 1512](#) [Passed] Expands the “Prosperity 10,000” program that provides local workforce development boards with resources to help people build skills to find work. The Prosperity 10,000 program was originally created in 2022 as a part of the “Future Ready Oregon” bill. SB 1512 expands the populations that local workforce boards serve through Prosperity 10,000 and identifies key sectors that the program can help to address workforce shortages and opportunities. Passed the House of Representatives with 36 Ayes, 16 Nays, and 8 Excused. Takes effect January 1, 2027.

### **Creating a Fast-Track Process for Infrastructure and Expanding Enterprise Zones**

[HB 4084](#) [Passed] Creates the Joint Permitting Council which will have the task of overseeing a fast-track process to approve major infrastructure projects. The bill also directs the Oregon Business Development Department to designate and expand the use of enterprise zones based upon the following criteria: economic transition or hardship, underutilized industrial land, alignment with recognized development strategies, ability to support or modernize existing or emerging industries, measurable

development/economic objectives, community-defined economic need or potential. Expands eligibility to a business engaged in an identified priority industry. Allows an otherwise ineligible business operating in an enterprise zone to qualify for a tax exemption if certain criteria are met. Permits businesses to seek extensions of tax exemption. Provides businesses with flexibility for meeting employment requirements. Passed the Senate with 21 Ayes, 8 Nays, and 1 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Promoting Industrial Symbiosis by Finding Ways to Use Waste**

[HB 4086](#) [Passed] Defines “industrial symbiosis” as the voluntary collaboration among businesses or other organizations to exchange materials, energy, water, and by-products in order to optimize resource use, reduce waste and enhance economic and environmental outcomes. Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to develop a roadmap for the purpose of promoting industrial symbiosis activities in Oregon. Passed the Senate with 26 Ayes, 3 Nays, and 1 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Requiring Accrued Vacation/PTO Payouts Upon Employee Termination**

[HB 4094](#) [Failed] This bill would have required employers that provide, by written policy or employment contract, for the payment of earned or accrued but unused paid time off upon termination to make such payments in accordance with statutory requirements governing final wages. Referred to the Joint Ways and Means Committee, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Allowing Farm Stores on Rural Properties**

[HB 4153](#) [Passed] Establishes farm stores as a permitted use on land zoned for exclusive farm use (EFU), and on land zoned for mixed farm and forest use. Provides that a farm store must sell farm products produced by the farm operation that operates the store, and may use no more than 10,000 square feet of one or more permanently enclosed structures. Passed the Senate with 21 Ayes, 8 Nays, and 1 Excused. Takes effect January 1, 2027.

## Governance & Revenue

### Campaign Finance Fix Bill for 2027

[SB 1502](#) [Passed] Requires the Oregon Secretary of State to introduce legislation in the 2027 Legislative Session regarding implementation of campaign finance limits. This bill was introduced after controversy regarding the main campaign finance bill for the session, HB 4018. Passed the House of Representatives with 51 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 8 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

### Disconnecting from Certain Parts of the Federal Tax Code After H.R. 1

[SB 1507](#) [Passed] Updates the connection date to the federal Internal Revenue Code and other provisions of federal tax law. Provides that Oregon tax code will remove automatic connection to the federal tax code for the following provisions: Vehicle loan interest deduction, qualified small business stock, and bonus depreciation. SB 1507 also expands the Earned Income Tax Credit and creates a new tax credit for job creation. The impact of SB 1507 in the 2026 session is that approximately \$300 million in General Fund revenue is preserved for the 2025–2027 budget biennium. Passed the House of Representatives with 34 Ayes, 21 Nays, and 5 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

### Requiring Notification to Prevent Deed Fraud

[SB 1552](#) [Failed] Requires the county clerk to notify the owner of real property when an instrument affecting the title to the property is presented for recordation unless presented by a financial institution, an insurer or an attorney, or an employee or agent of the professional person. Referred to the Senate Housing and Development Committee, where it remained upon adjournment.

### Expanding Civil Lawsuits for Deprivation of Rights, Privileges, or Immunities

[SB 1563](#) [Failed] Allows a person who has been deprived of rights, privileges or immunities secured by the Oregon Constitution or the laws of this state by a person acting under color of law to bring a civil action for economic and noneconomic damages and for injunctive or other equitable relief. Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, and upon adjournment was awaiting the disposition of the Senate President.

## **Requiring State Agency Contractors to Show They're Up to Date on Paying Taxes**

[HB 4016](#) [Passed] requires public contractors to demonstrate and maintain tax compliance, through a certification process, as a condition of the execution of a public contract with state government agencies. Passed the Senate with 18 Ayes, 11 Nays, and 1 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **State Campaign Finance Program Implementation**

[HB 4018](#) [Passed] Modifies the timelines for the enactment of certain campaign finance regulations. Changes the operative dates for the disclosure reporting and campaign finance dashboard provisions in HB 4024 (2024), from January 1, 2028, to January 1, 2031. HB 4018 makes substantial changes to the disclosure requirements for campaign finance transactions, as well as various changes to contribution limits and the types of organizations that have various limits. Passed the Senate with 20 Ayes, 9 Nays, and 1 Excused. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## **Determining Payment Responsibility for Tax Foreclosure Properties in HOAs**

[HB 4064](#) [Failed] would have provided clarification on the payment of homeowner association dues when homeowners and condominium association assessments accrue on property deeded to the county in the tax foreclosure process. Referred to the House Housing and Homelessness Committee, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Creating a Fast-Track Process for Infrastructure and Expanding Enterprise Zones**

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## **Changing the Methodology to Determine Conditions for Tax Kicker**

[HB 4125](#) [Failed] Prescribes methodology for the preparation of revenue estimates used in the budgeting process and as applicable to the surplus revenue refund process. Referred to the House Revenue Committee, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Lodging Tax Increase to Support Wildlife Programs**

[HB 4134](#) [Passed] Increases the state transient lodging tax by 1.25%, from 1.5% to 2.75%. Dedicates the new revenues to wildlife programs, including conservation, recreation, poaching enforcement, and wolf depredation compensation. Passed the Senate with 20 Ayes, 9 Nays, and 1 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Changing Lodging Tax Revenue Distribution to Support Local Government Services**

[HB 4148](#) [Passed] Allows local governments to change the proportion of local transient lodging tax (TLT) revenue for tourism and government services. Before passage of HB 4148, a maximum of 30% of TLT revenues enacted since 2003 could be used for government services. HB 4148 changes that amount to 50%, with the other 50% going to tourism services. However, this is a permissive change that would need to be adopted by the local government to take effect. The bill also allows local transient lodging tax revenue to be used for resiliency grants for small businesses in the restaurant and lodging industry. Passed Senate with 23 Ayes, 6 Nays, 1 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Clarifying the Makeup of the Ethics Commission**

[HB 4159](#) [Passed] Provides that at least one member who is appointed to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission must have local government experience. The House of Representatives repassed the bill after Senate amendments with 37 Ayes, 15 Nays, and 8 Excused. Takes effect January 1, 2027.

## **Clarifying Food and Beverage Ethics Rules**

[HB 4161](#) [Passed] Responds to recent Ethics Commission opinion that a public official who accepts food and beverages from their public body employer may violate ethics laws on "use of office." The bill provides that public officials can accept food and beverages from public bodies during meetings or other official events without violating "use of office" law. Passed the Senate with 28 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Excused. Declares emergency, takes effect upon passage.

## **Revising Definition of Serial Communications for Public Meetings**

[HB 4177](#) [Passed] Requires deliberation by a quorum of a governing body to occur in a public meeting while allowing communications for the purpose of gathering information, discussing procedural matters, and communicating with constituents and the media to occur outside of a public meeting. Passed the Senate with 25 Ayes, 3 Nays, and 2 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Addressing Penny Shortage By Allowing Retail Prices to be Rounded Up or Down**

[HB 4178](#) [Passed] Allows some places of public accommodation offering goods or services to adopt a rounding policy under which the final digit of the total amount due or remaining amount due in certain in-person transactions will be rounded to the nearest five-cent increment. Passed the Senate with 26 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 2 Excused. Declares an emergency, takes effect upon passage.

# Immigrant & Refugee Community Protections

## Law Enforcement in Health Care Settings

[SB 1570](#) [Passed] Directs hospitals to establish designated public and nonpublic areas and designate an administrator to respond when law enforcement authorities arrive. Passed the Senate on concurrence with 18 Ayes, 11 Nays, and 1 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## Disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information

[SB 1587](#) [Passed] Prohibits public bodies from disclosing personally identifiable information to a data broker without an accepted attestation from the broker that the data will not be sold or transferred to an entity that will use the information for immigration enforcement. Passed the Senate on concurrence with 18 Ayes, 11 Nays, and 1 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## Model Policies on Immigration Enforcement

[SB 1594](#) [Passed] Requires the Department of Justice to consult with the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement when the department develops, reviews or updates model policies intended to limit immigration enforcement at public facilities. Passed the Senate on concurrence with 18 Ayes, 11 Nays, and 1 Excused. Declares an emergency, takes effect upon passage.

## Federal Immigration Authorities on School Property

[HB 4079](#) [Passed] Directs school district boards and governing bodies of institutions of higher education to adopt policies that address how the school district or the institution of higher education will respond when a federal immigration authority enters school property or a campus. Passed the Senate with 18 Ayes, 10 Nays, and 2 Excused. Declares an emergency, takes effect on September 30, 2026.

## Immigration-Related Legal Practices

[HB 4111](#) [Passed] Provides that, with limited exceptions, evidence of a party's or a witness's immigration status is not admissible as evidence in a civil proceeding. It also prohibits law enforcement officers from profiling a person based on immigration status. Passed the Senate with 20 Ayes, 18 Nays, and 1 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Unlawful Entry of Property without Warrant**

[HB 4114](#) [Passed] Creates a cause of action against any person who enters property, under color of law, without a judicial warrant or a judicially recognized exception to the warrant requirement. Passed the Senate with 18 Ayes, 11 Nays, and 1 Excused. Declares an emergency, takes effect upon passage.

## **Identifiable Requirements for Law Enforcement**

[HB 4138](#) [Passed] Establishes identifiability requirements for officers of law enforcement agencies operating in Oregon, regardless of whether the agency is federal, out-of-state, or within Oregon, and requires law enforcement agencies to have a public policy generally restricting the use of facial coverings by their on-duty officers. Passed the House of Representatives on concurrence with 34 Ayes, 18 Nays, and 5 Excused. Declares an emergency, takes effect upon passage.

## **Transportation of Detained Individuals**

[HB 4150](#) [Failed] Directs state agencies to require prospective contractors, subcontractors, and grant recipients to attest that they do not and will not transport individuals detained by federal agencies for the purpose of deportation, except in accordance with judicial orders. Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, where it remained upon adjournment.

## Land Use, Transportation, and Infrastructure

### **Reforming the Oregon Department of Transportation's Project Criteria**

[SB 1542](#) [Failed] This bill would have directed the Oregon Transportation Commission to create a 10-year capital investment plan, and would have significantly changed the way that the Oregon Department of Transportation selects projects for prioritization and funding. Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Governance Reform for Oregon Transportation Commission**

[SB 1543](#) [Failed] Would have modified membership of the Oregon Transportation Commission and made changes regarding the OTC's debt financing policy. Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee, where it remained upon adjournment.

### **Streamlining the Process to Rebuild a Home After a Fire or Other Disaster**

[SB 1561](#) [Passed] Requires local governments to approve restoration or replacement of dwellings rendered uninhabitable under an alternative process that is not a land use decision. Allows an applicant to rebuild the structure that was destroyed using modern building code. The replacement building cannot exceed 125% of the size of the destroyed structure. Passed the House of Representatives with 46 Ayes, 0 Nays, 6 Absent, 9 Excused. Takes effect January 1, 2027.

### **Moving Measure 120 to the May 2026 Primary Election**

[SB 1599](#) [Passed] Moves the election date for Measure 120, referred to the people by Referendum Petition 2026-302, to the primary election that will be held on May 19, 2026. Measure 120 contains the taxation elements of House Bill 3991 (2025 Special Session), which proposes to raise the gas tax, raise the vehicle registration fee, and raise the employee payroll tax to fund state and

local transportation systems. Passed the House of Representatives with 31 Ayes, 20 Nays, 8 Absent, and 1 Excused. Declares an emergency, takes effect upon passage.

## **Transportation Fund Sweeps to Fill Maintenance and Operations Deficit**

[SB 1601](#) [Passed] Is the annual ‘program change’ bill that makes statutory changes to implement the biennial state budget and the agencies and programs it funds. This year, the program change bill also contains many changes to the program funds within the Oregon Department of Transportation, which faced a \$244 million deficit in the remainder of the 2025-2027 biennium. The bill sweeps funding from the following programs to support road operations and maintenance: \$17 million from Safe Routes to Schools, \$42 million from Connect Oregon, \$8 million from Community Paths, \$20 million from the operating fund, and \$5 million from the student driver training fund. Passed the House of Representatives with 52 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 8 Excused. Declares an emergency, takes effect upon passage.

## **House Transportation Omnibus Bill**

[HB 4007](#) [Passed] Defines “powered micromobility device” for the vehicle code, sets requirements for the age to use micromobility devices, and makes other changes in law to reflect the use of micromobility devices on Oregon roads. Allows local governments to restrict or regulate the use of micromobility devices. The bill also creates a pilot program for trucks that exceed weight limits to use state roads if they are carrying milk products. Passed the Senate with 28 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Excused. Takes effect on June 5, 2026.

## **Transit Funding Task Force**

[HB 4008](#) [Failed] Establishes the Transit Funding Task Force and directs the task force to report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation no later than December 1, 2026. Referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Electric Vehicle Road Usage Charge Implementation and Delivery Vehicles**

[HB 4009](#) [Failed] Phases in a mandatory per-mile road usage charge for registered owners and lessees of electric and hybrid passenger vehicles and delivery vehicles engaged in e-commerce. Referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Expediting the Siting of Renewable Energy Facilities**

[HB 4031](#) [Passed] Exempts an energy facility from needing a site certificate from the Energy Facility Siting Council if the energy facility produces power from a renewable energy source, qualifies for certain federal renewable energy tax credits and is placed in service on or before December 31, 2030, or a date allowed by exception and a local land use application for the facility is submitted on or before December 31, 2028. Passed the Senate with 20 Ayes, 8 Nays, and 2 Excused. Takes effect on June 5, 2026.

## **Study on Feasibility of Moving Fuel Terminal Sites**

[HB 4032](#) [Failed] Would have required the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to evaluate and prioritize geographically dispersed emergency fuel sites. Currently, over 90% of the state's fuel is stored in the Portland Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub, which is highly susceptible to damage and spillage in the event of an earthquake. The bill was referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Modifying Eligibility and Conditions of the One-Time UGB Expansion Program**

[HB 4035](#) [Passed] Expands eligibility for cities and Metro to amend their urban growth boundaries under a temporary program. In 2024, the Legislative Assembly passed SB 1537, which created a one-time option for cities to add a limited amount of land to their urban growth boundary under certain conditions. HB 4035 broadens the criteria to justify use of the one-time UGB expansion option, and gives the City of Woodburn additional exemptions to participate in the process. Repassed the House of

Representatives after Senate amendments with 56 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 4 Excused. Declares an emergency, takes effect upon passage.

## **House Housing and Homelessness Committee Omnibus Bill**

[HB 4037](#) [Passed] This bill contains a number of different policy changes related to housing and land use. Some of the policy changes in HB 4037 include:

- Adjusts certain terms of the revolving loan program for cities and counties to fund affordable housing projects, as well as the regulation of the projects to remain affordable.
- Adds the following new procedural limitations for applications for local governments: providing notice only to owners of record within 100 feet of the subject property, or within 500 feet for developments of 20 units or more; not requiring a public hearing before making a decision; and allowing a local appeal only to the applicant.
- Establishes statutory rules for termination, rent obligations, return of deposits, and tenant access following destruction of a dwelling unit by a natural disaster, and limits tenant rent liability while the unit is posted as unsafe or unlawful to occupy.
- Directs the Land Conservation and Development Commission to amend its rules on the prioritization of lands added to an urban reserve to allow local governments to assign lower priority to lands for which the future provision of urban services is not reasonable or cost-effective due to terrain or other physical constraints.
- Provides that if an application is submitted for an affordable housing development within a planned mixed-use development, and that application would have the effect of reducing the lands available for commercial use within the planned development to less than 80 percent of the amount in the adopted plan, the applicant must amend the planned development to allow an additional area not smaller than the proposed housing development.
- Modifies the timeline for final plat approval following tentative approval of a middle housing land division.

The House of Representatives repassed the bill after Senate amendments with 52 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 7 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **Urban Growth Boundary Expansions for Senior Housing and Manufactured Housing**

[HB 4082](#) [Passed] Adds to a temporary UGB addition program an option for each city or Metro to also add to its urban growth boundary a site for manufactured dwellings, prefabricated structures, or manufactured dwelling parks, or for housing that is predominantly for older persons and affordable for households with incomes not more than 120 percent of area median income. Repassed the House of Representatives after Senate amendments with 43 Ayes, 8 Nays, and 9 Excused. Takes effect June 5, 2026.

## **State Implementation of Autonomous Vehicles, Preemption for Local Government**

[HB 4085](#) [Failed] Would have allowed a person to operate an autonomous vehicle with the automated driving system engaged without a grant of driving privileges if certain conditions are met. Prohibits local governments from restricting or regulating the use of autonomous vehicles. Referred to the House Transportation Committee, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Providing More Options for County Vehicle Registration Fees**

[HB 4090](#) [Failed] Authorizes a county with a population of 700,000 or more to, by ordinance, identify zones within the county where the Department of Transportation can provide information allowing the reduction or elimination of county registration fees within those zones. Referred to the House Transportation Committee, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Financial Assurance for Critical Energy Infrastructure Hubs, Local Preemption**

[HB 4100](#) [Passed] Requires owners or operators of bulk oils or liquid fuels terminals to obtain a certificate of financial responsibility from the Department of Environmental Quality. Creates an advisory committee to provide the Environmental Quality Commission with expert and community input on proposed rules regulating financial assurance tools. Preempts local governments from requiring owners or operators of bulk oils or liquid fuels terminals to obtain a financial assurance mechanism that exceeds or is in addition to state requirement. Passed the Senate with 25 Ayes, 3 Nays, and 2 Excused. Declares an emergency, takes effect upon passage.

## **Needs-Based Cost Assessment for Maintaining State Transportation System**

[HB 4126](#) [Failed] Requires the Department of Transportation to submit a biennial report to the Legislative Assembly recommending a rate for the per-mile road usage charge that would sustainably raise the revenue necessary to maintain the public highways in this state. Referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Restricting the Clean Fuels Program and Preempting Local Regulation of Fuels**

[HB 4129](#) [Failed] Limits greenhouse gas emission reductions, for purposes of low carbon fuel standards, to 10 percent below 2010 levels. Referred to the House Energy and Environment Committee, where it remained upon adjournment.

## **Creating a Program to Have Producers of Electric Batteries Help With Disposal**

[HB 4144](#) [Passed] Requires producers of batteries or battery-containing products to join a battery producer responsibility organization and implement a battery producer responsibility program for the collection and recycling of batteries. Passed the Senate with 20 Ayes, 8 Nays, and 2 Excused. Takes effect January 1, 2027.

## **Allowing Farm Stores on Rural Properties, with County Oversight**

[HB 4153](#) [Passed] establishes farm stores as a permitted use on land zoned for exclusive farm use (EFU), and on land zoned for mixed farm and forest use. Provides that a farm store must sell farm products produced by the farm operation that operates the store, and may use no more than 10,000 square feet of one or more permanently enclosed structures. Allows counties to adopt and enforce specific siting standards for farm stores. Passed the Senate with 21 Ayes, 8 Nays, and 1 Excused. Takes effect January 1, 2027.

# State Agency Budgets & County Impacts

## Budget Adjustments and Investments for the 2026 Session

[HB 5204](#) [Passed] State budget reconciliation bill for the 2026 Session, including:

- \$8 million for universal representation
- \$1.9 million to East Multnomah Outreach, Prevention, and Intervention (EMOPI)
- Incorporated the Fall 2025 Oregon Health Authority Rebalance, which reduced funding for the CCO Quality Incentive Program
- \$78 million in reductions to the Oregon Department of Transportation
- \$10 million for the regional infrastructure fund
- \$77 million for 2025 wildfire season costs
- Approximately \$130 million in reductions across all state agencies and programs

Lottery Bond investments and associated debt service include:

- \$11 million for Williams & Russell development

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## Transportation Funding Rebalance

SB 1601 [Passed] Transportation funding redirect, sweeping funding from the following programs into ODOT operations and maintenance:

- \$42 million from Connect Oregon
- \$17 million from Safe Routes to Schools
- \$8 million from Community Paths
- \$20 million from the Transportation Operating Fund, also known as the “Lawnmower Fund”
- \$5 million from the Student Driver Testing Fund
- \$85 million in HB 2017 project funding swapped with federal funds

## Other Relevant Bills to the County

### **Reducing Administrative Burden for Animal Rescue Entities**

[HB 4034](#) [Passed] The Oregon Department of Agriculture licenses “Animal Rescue Entities” which are defined as individuals and organizations that keep, house, and maintain 10 or more animals at one time in their legal custody and solicit or accept donations. HB 4034 clarifies that veterinary facilities do not qualify as Animal Rescue Entities, removes certain reporting requirements regarding animals in custody, and provides licensees with increased due process protections. Passed the Senate with 29 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Excused. Takes effect January 1, 2027.

### **Aligning Oregon’s Emergency Management Programs for Coordinated Response**

[HB 4121](#) [Passed] Creates statewide emergency preparedness offices and authorities to coordinate emergency management. Among the new authorities created are the Statewide Preparedness Authority for Response Coordination (SPARC), the Oregon Disaster Recovery Authority, the Statewide Regional Training Office, and other entities and accounts to coordinate emergency management and disaster response. The bill also allows county governing bodies to waive civil penalties imposed by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) or a local health authority if the civil penalty was due to a violation that occurred during a state of emergency.

Passed the Senate with 26 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 2 Excused. Takes effect January 1, 2027.