

**Multnomah County**  
**Behavioral Health Division**  
**Behavioral Health Advisory Council Meeting**  
**02/05/2025 10AM - Noon**



Community Representatives	Public Service Representatives	Staff	Guests
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Agenda Item	Discussion Notes
<b>Welcome and Introductions   Group Agreements   Announcements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Portland Library reopens this week with a Black History Month Event.</li> <li>• March General Council will be a public meeting law training.</li> </ul>	
<b>Recognition Month or Awareness Events (if Applicable)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black History Month</li> <li>• Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2/7</li> <li>• Heart Month</li> <li>• Jewish Disability Awareness Month</li> </ul>
<b>Changes to Facilitation</b>	<p>Deandre shared that OCE is moving toward using a contracted facilitator to manage BHAC meetings. The hope is to allow the group to be more autonomous in the way the meetings flow, with streamlined information sharing between BHD leadership and the council.</p> <p>Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By-laws will need to be rewritten to align with this new process.</li> <li>• Steering committee will need to go back to Co-Chairs instead of Co-Facilitators</li> <li>• Will the contractor be in charge of stipend payments, minutes, agendas, topic planning?</li> <li>• How much would the group rely on the facilitator versus the steering committee?</li> </ul> <p>Since Deandre had to leave the meeting, please bring this discussion to the Community Workgroup for further discussion.</p>
<b>Legislative Updates</b>	<p>Slide Presentation attached.</p> <p>OLIS = Oregon Legislative Information System  Shared links on how to get involved:  Daily Hearing Schedule: <a href="https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1">https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1</a></p>

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	<p>Testify in writing: <a href="https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/OLIS_help/Pages/Testimony.aspx">https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/OLIS_help/Pages/Testimony.aspx</a></p> <p>Testify before a committee hearing:  <a href="https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/OLIS_help/Pages/how-to-testify.aspx">https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/OLIS_help/Pages/how-to-testify.aspx</a></p> <p>More on community engagement: <a href="https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement">https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement</a></p> <p>The old time “I’m Just A Bill” <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZ8psP4S6BQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZ8psP4S6BQ</a></p> <p>Feedback:</p> <p>Barb cautioned that when you go into OLIS, the initial page is just an overview, and to get to the actual bill language, it is a tab over.</p> <p>SB171 and HB2467 both pertain to civil commitment: Barb suggests members might be interested in getting involved with these and testifying.</p> <p>Kelley will look for clarification on what the changes are regarding the state general fund and get the information out to the group via email with the slides.</p>



**February 5th, 2025**  
**BHAC General Council Meeting**

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

# BHAC Meeting Reminders

## Meeting Reminders:

- One person speaking at a time
- Interrupt harm
- Limit comments and questions to two minutes
- Avoid using acronyms and jargon when possible
- The facilitator may interrupt if the conversation would be better addressed 1x1 or at a different time

## Virtual:

- To continue building community, being on camera when comfortable and/or possible is encouraged
- Silence microphones when not speaking
- Go off camera when necessary
- Use 'raise hand' button during meeting and wait to be called on

# BHAC Meeting Reminders Continued

## Self-care:

- We support one another by taking care of ourselves- seek support when feeling triggered
- Pause before speaking when feeling stressed - respond rather than react
- Take the conversation off-line with staff

## Disruptive behavior during the meeting will result in:

- Facilitator calls attention to harmful behavior;
- If behavior continues, participant will be reminded of impact and warned of potential meeting separation via private chat or via verbal warning if on phone;
- Separation from meeting with continued disruption

# **BHAC GROUP AGREEMENTS**

## **We Agree to:**

- Lead with race, cultural responsiveness and humility
- Acknowledge intent and center impact (pure intention does not eliminate harmful impact)
- Hold space/make space, respect the voice of others and allow space for those that don't often share
- Principles before Personalities - act with integrity in your contributions to the council
- Stay engaged to the best of your ability

## **BHAC Group Agreements Continued**

### **We Agree To:**

- Remember WAIT (Why Am I Talking?)
- Experience discomfort - there may be challenging conversations but we are here for the purpose of contributing to the council
- Expect and accept non-closure, there may not always be a solution in sight
- Name and account for power dynamics in the work, Multnomah County staff identify titles
- We are here to work collaboratively and share responsibility for the success of our work together



# This meeting is recorded

OCE will review the recording for note taking and group  
accountability purposes

BHAC General Council and Community Workgroup meetings are  
open to the public

# Announcements

- Changes to facilitation - Discussion with group during this meeting..  
Need to reschedule discussion as Deandre is unable to be here today.
- March 5th General Council meeting will be a Public Meeting Law Training held by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

# **Monthly Awareness and Recognition**

- Black History Month
- Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2/7
- Heart Month
- Jewish Disability Awareness Month



# 2025 BHD Legislative Session

Presenter:

Kelley Duron

Strategic Operations & Systems  
Facilitator

BHAC General Counsel 2.5.25

# Welcome!

## Agenda for today:

- Overview of the legislative process
  - Timelines, budget
  - How a bill becomes a law
- County's legislative priorities
- How to read a bill
- BHD role in the process
- What to watch
- Get involved



# 2025 Legislative Timeline

- **Legislative Agenda was presented to Board:** Dec. 12
- **Legislative Bills Began to Drop:** Jan. 13
- **Legislative Session began:** Jan. 21
- **Revenue Forecast:** Feb. 21 & May 14
- **1st Chamber deadline:** April 9
- **2nd Chamber deadline:** May 23
- **Constitutional Sine Die:** June 29



# 2025 State Budget Process & Overview

## Understanding the State Budget Process

- Agencies submitted budgets to the Governor:
- Governor released recommended budget: December 2024
- Ways and Means Co-chairs develop legislative budget outline/recommendations
- Economic & Revenue forecast: Updated in February and May 2025
- Governor's signing/veto period: July - September 2025
- Potential Challenges: significant carryover from federal relief funds and increased competition for state resources

## 2025 State Budget Overview

- Newly-adjusted model projects more general fund resources for current and next biennial
- **Reserves:** Projected \$5.7 billion in reserves at the end of 23-25 biennium
- **Kicker projections:** \$1.8 billion for personal



# Board of County Commissioners 2025 Legislative Priorities

**Invest in Oregon's Behavioral Health System**

**Promote Community Safety and Justice**

**Expand Housing & Shelter Capacity**

**Invest in Transportation, Infrastructure, and Resilience**

**Protect Services for Our Most Vulnerable**

**Improve Governance & Revenue Processes to Increase Efficiency**

[Final Multco legislative agenda](#)

















# Legislative Process

## Key Functions of the Legislature

- Create new or change existing laws
- Set and Administer State Budget

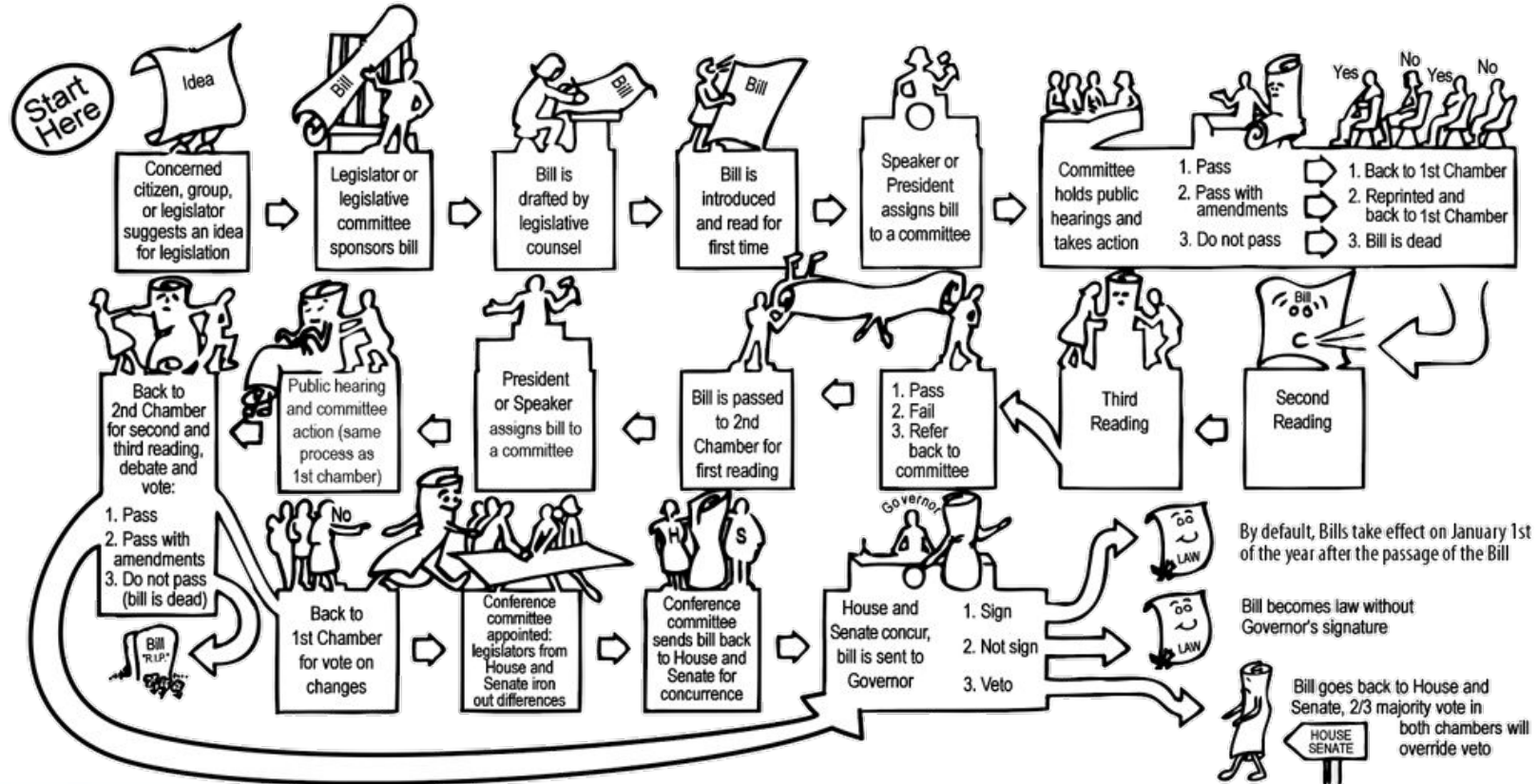
## Bill-to-Law Workflow:

-   **1. Bill Introduction**  
The bill is introduced in either the House or Senate
-   **2. Committee Hearings**  
Committees hold public hearings with written and verbal testimony
-   **3. Work Sessions**  
Committees review, amend, and vote on the bill
-   **4. Floor Votes**  
Bills move to the floor of each chamber (House & Senate), where they are debated and voted on
-   **5. Passage in Both Chambers**  
The bill must pass both the House and Senate
-   **6. Governor's Approval**  
The Governor may sign the bill into law or veto it



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# How a Bill Becomes Law





# How to Read and Review a Bill

79th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY--2017 Regular Session

## Senate Bill 754

Sponsored by Senator STEINER HAYWARD, Representatives KENY-GUYER, VIAL; Senator MONNES ANDERSON, Representatives BUEHLER, GREENLICK, JOHNSON, NOBLE, POST, SMITH D, SMITH G

### SUMMARY

### Summary

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Creates offense of selling tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems to person under 21 years of age. Punishes violation by fine.

Specifies that manager or other person who supervises retail sale of tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems commits offense if person is acting within course and scope of person's employment and person has supervisory authority over person who makes sale. Specifies that owner of business that sells tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems at retail commits violation if sale occurs at business.

Raises minimum age at which person may purchase or possess tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems to 21 years of age. Adjusts other requirements related to tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems to reflect raised minimum age.

Applies to conduct occurring on or after January 1, 2018.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

### "Relating To" Clause

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to products that have a minimum age requirement for purchase; creating new provisions; amending ORS 163.575, 163.580, 165.800, 165.813, 167.402, 167.404, 167.407, 181A.335, 323.709, 323.718, 339.257, 339.883, 431A.175, 431A.183, 433.847, 743B.013, 807.066, 807.500, 809.380, 809.423 and 811.193; repealing ORS 167.400 and 167.401; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

### VIOLATIONS

**SECTION 1.** As used in ORS 167.402, 167.404 and 167.407 and sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this

**2017 Act:**



21 person is in violation of this section, the law enforcement officer, or the teacher, employer  
22 or other individual with supervisory authority over the person, shall confiscate the tobacco  
23 products or inhalant delivery system.

24 (2) A person under 21 years of age who is acting under the supervision of a person 21  
25 years of age or older may purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco products or an inhalant  
26 delivery system for the purpose of testing compliance with a federal law, state law, local law  
27 or retailer policy limiting or regulating the distribution or sale of tobacco products or  
28 inhalant delivery systems to persons who are under the legal minimum purchase age.

29 **SECTION 5.** For purposes of ORS 431A.175 and section 2 of this 2017 Act, “allows to be  
30 sold” includes the negligent omission of an act by a manager or other person who supervises  
31 the retail sale of tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems, the commission of which  
32 would have prevented the distribution or sale of the tobacco products or inhalant delivery  
33 system.

34 **SECTION 6.** ORS 167.402 is amended to read:

35 167.402. (1) As used in this section and ORS 167.404, “vending machine” means a [mechanical,  
36 electronic or similar] device that, upon the insertion of tokens, money or another form of payment,  
37 dispenses tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems.

38 (2) A person may not sell or dispense tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems from a  
39 vending machine, except in an establishment where the premises are permanently and entirely off-  
40 limits to [minors under] persons under 21 years of age as required by rules adopted by the  
41 Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

42 (3) A person who violates this section commits a Class B violation. Each day that the person  
43 commits the violation constitutes a separate offense.

44 **SECTION 7.** ORS 167.404 is amended to read:

45 167.404. Cities and counties by ordinance or resolution may not regulate vending machines that

Removed Language

Added Language



1 **SECTION 28.** Sections 2 to 5 of this 2017 Act, the amendments to ORS 163.575, 163.580,  
2 165.800, 165.813, 167.402, 167.404, 167.407, 181A.335, 323.709, 323.718, 339.257, 339.883, 431A.175,  
3 431A.183, 433.847, 743B.013, 807.066, 807.500, 809.380, 809.423 and 811.193 by sections 6 to 26 of  
4 this 2017 Act and the repeal of ORS 167.400 and 167.401 by section 27 of this 2017 Act apply  
5 to conduct occurring on or after January 1, 2018.

## UNIT CAPTIONS

9 SECTION 29. The unit captions used in this 2017 Act are provided only for the conven-  
10 ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any  
11 legislative intent in the enactment of this 2017 Act.

## EMERGENCY CLAUSE

15 **SECTION 30.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
16 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect  
17 on its passage.

## Effective Dates

## Emergency Clause



# Multco staff roles in legislative process

## **Division Legislative coordinator (me):**

- Crafts legislative concepts (off season)
- Receives bills assigned to BHD during session
- Read for context and assign to subject matter expert (SME)
- Posts bill reviews/positions online
- Coordinates positions with other HD divisions for one voice when needed
- Monitors OLIS for hearings and amendments
- Support testimony development when needed

## **Division SME:**

- Thoroughly reviews bills/amendments for impact to multiple stakeholders, budget, operations, and determines our “position” for bill (e.g., support, oppose, needs amendments)
- Testify or support testimony development





# Placeholder Bills

## Gut ‘n Stuff

- Also known as a “Placeholder bill”
- Bill has limited detail and broad “relating to” clause
- Originator wanted to ensure their idea can be heard by making the bill deadline, but not ready with all the preferred language for what they want bill to do
- Uses amendment process to introduce desired language

83rd OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY--2025 Regular Session

## House Bill 2056

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE (Presession filed.)

### SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells OHA to study the cost of community mental health programs. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).

Requires the Oregon Health Authority to study the cost of community mental health programs. Directs the authority to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health not later than September 15, 2026.

Sunset on January 2, 2027.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 **Relating to behavioral health.**

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** The Oregon Health Authority shall study the cost of community mental  
5 health programs. The authority shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245,  
6 and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legisla-  
7 tive Assembly related to health no later than September 15, 2026.

8 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.  
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# Early bills we are watching

- HB2013: Adds licensed outpatient facilities that employ CADCs as providers for MH treatment (we support with amendments). Hearing Feb. 11 @ 3p
- HB2041: Calls for parity in payment for services - same rate for same service, regardless of type of licensed provider used (we support). Hearing Feb. 11 @ 3pm
- HB2042: Increased consumer engagement in decisions concerning Behavioral Health services, specifically to identify gaps and improve quality (we support with amendments).
- HB2059: Calls for creation of a new OHA unit to develop sufficient adult MH and SUD behavioral health facilities (we support with amendments).
- SB388: Calls for Oregon Health Policy Board to report on success of the Oregon Coordinated Healthcare Model (we support). Hearing Feb. 6 @ 3p
- SB62: Creates new programs for increasing consumers' voice in the MH system (we support).



# How you can get involved

**Daily Hearing Schedule:** <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1>

2025 Regular Session

Session Details for Wednesday, February 5, 2025 Pick a new date

Senate Chamber not scheduled House Chamber not scheduled

Meetings Today

Committee	Meeting Location	Meeting Time	Session
<a href="#">House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water</a>	HR D	02/05/2025 8:00 AM	2025 Regular Session
<a href="#">Joint Subcommittee On Public Safety</a>	H-174	02/05/2025 8:00 AM	2025 Regular Session
<a href="#">Joint Subcommittee On General Government</a>	H-170	02/05/2025 8:00 AM	2025 Regular Session
<a href="#">House Committee On Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade</a>	HR E	02/05/2025 8:00 AM	2025 Regular Session
<a href="#">Senate Committee On Education</a>	HR B	02/05/2025 8:00 AM	2025 Regular Session
<a href="#">Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue</a>	HR A	02/05/2025 8:00 AM	2025 Regular Session
<a href="#">Joint Subcommittee On Human Services</a>	H-170	02/05/2025 1:00 PM	2025 Regular Session

**Testify in writing:** [https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/OLIS\\_help/Pages/Testimony.aspx](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/OLIS_help/Pages/Testimony.aspx)

**Testify before a committee hearing:**

[https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/OLIS\\_help/Pages/how-to-testify.aspx](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/OLIS_help/Pages/how-to-testify.aspx)

**More on community engagement:** [https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen\\_engagement](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement)



Thank You!





MULTNOMAH COUNTY OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

# **STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

2025



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The 2025 Legislative Session presents an unique opportunity to support essential programs and services in Multnomah county, the most populous and diverse community in the state with nearly 800,000 residents. In partnership with state partners, the County will work to develop innovative solutions to budget, service delivery, and racial equity challenges.

The following report details the County’s 2025 State Legislative Agenda, budget and policy priorities for this session. We aim to do the following in this session:

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## AGENDA PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATION’S STATE LEGISLATIVE TEAM



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# 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## Invest in Oregon's Behavioral Health System

Advocate for increased state investment in the Behavioral Health System's services and workforce to ensure all residents can access critical, culturally responsive, and evidence-based services.

- Advocate for capital funding to increase targeted capacity across our region's behavioral health system.
- Address the behavioral health workforce shortages with a package of policies aimed at training, recruiting, and retaining a skilled workforce to meet the increasingly high-acuity needs of the community.

## Promote Community Safety & Justice

Advocate for full funding to implement important justice reforms in an equitable and efficient manner to ensure access to justice, treatment, and reform.

- Seek full funding for Community Corrections and Specialty Courts.
- Secure funding for the implementation of HB 4002 and deflection programs.
- Support efforts to continue to address the shortage of public defenders.
- Support efforts to increase efficiency and effectiveness in the state medical examiners program.
- Invest in outreach, violence prevention, and intervention services for youth in East Multnomah County.

## Expand Housing and Shelter Capacity

Support legislation that prioritizes the needs of people experiencing homelessness, including preventing homelessness, coordinating behavioral health services, adding shelter and recovery beds to provide safety off the streets.

- Continue state funding to maintain and expand local shelter capacity to meet the significant need.
- Increase funding for programs that prevent homelessness, such as weatherization, landlord incentive pools, long-term rent assistance, and eviction prevention programs.
- Expand housing retention programs and support for permanent supportive housing programs.

## Invest in Transportation, Infrastructure, and Resilience

Advocate for passage of a comprehensive transportation funding package during the 2025 Session. Ensure stable funding for services that ensure the safety of our transportation and infrastructure systems, focusing resources to ensure the resilience, safety, and well-being of communities in the wake of climate change.

- Invest in a statewide transportation package that stabilizes local transportation funding and promotes safety, resilience, and equity for communities.
- Leverage local and federal funds for the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge



project through state investment.

- Promote state and local efforts to make our communities more resilient to climate change and seismic events.
- Continue support for modernization of the Emergency Medical Services system, including improving workforce recruitment.

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

Support the well-being of the children, families, and seniors in our community by bolstering an array of safety net services that prioritize the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities.

- Advocate for continued work to leverage state, local, and Tribal resources to solve missing, murdered, and trafficking cases involving Indigenous people.
- Fund statewide support services for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in Oregon.
- Invest in Local Public Health Authorities statewide to ensure essential public health protections are in place for all Oregonians and equitable health outcomes are achieved.
- Fund programs for HIV early intervention, prevention, outreach, and family support services.
- Support for school-aged children and families, including culturally responsive, inclusive, preschool and afterschool experiences.
- Support adequate funding for older adults, people with disabilities, and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Support increased investments in services for individuals who have experienced or are at risk of domestic violence, sex trafficking, or for individuals who have been victims of crime.
- Support pregnant and postpartum people and their infants to foster strong early relational health and thriving families.
- Support a statewide ban on flavored tobacco products to protect the health of all Oregonians.

### **Improve Governance and Revenue Processes to Increase Efficiency**

Support targeted improvements to the deed recording and surplus property processes to ensure equitable outcomes for community members.

- Increase state funding assistance for county assessment and taxation functions to ensure stable revenue for local cities and districts
- Align and clarify the roles of state and county campaign finance programs
- Enact protections for property owners to fight the emerging ‘deed fraud’ issue
- Support a straightforward and statewide approach to returning financial equity to former property owners
- Continue to ensure local control of land use, zoning, and other local government enforcement priorities.