

2026 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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2026 Oregon Legislative Session Recap (February 2 – March 6)

The 35-day legislative “short session” opened on Monday, February 2nd with one major objective – to find enough money to balance the state’s budget and build enough of a financial cushion to whether any potential revenue fluctuations for the remaining 15 months of the 2025-27 biennium.

Just days after the 2025 legislature adjourned, the federal passage of HR 1 (‘One Big Beautiful Bill’) in early July 2025 dealt the state a significant financial hit. Instead of being in a cash surplus position, the state quickly sunk into a \$360 million de ficit.

The tax cuts in HR 1 – and Oregon’s automatic connection to the federal tax code – cut \$880 million of anticipated revenue. In addition to the tax cuts – HR 1 also stemmed the flow of federal dollars into Oregon’s Medicaid and SNAP bene fits.

By winter of 2025, legislators were exploring ways to generate about \$750 million in revenue to bring the state back into surplus. This included proposals to both raise tax revenue and also cut state spending. Governor Kotek directed all of her agencies to propose budget cuts for legislative consideration at two levels – a 2.5% “cuts” proposal and a more severe 5% proposal.

In the end, neither budget reduction scenario was considered as legislators received positive a positive revenue forecast in November 2025 (+\$300 million in added corporate tax revenue) and another positive forecast on February 4th (+\$286 million in added overall revenue).

Combined with the passage of a \$300 million tax package, the legislature was able restore its fiscal surplus and actually added \$200 million in new state spending with only modest cuts – a little over \$100 million – coming from eliminating un filled positions across state government.

In the end, the 2026 Legislature will be remembered for these four issues:

1. **Tax increases.** The most consequential action of 2026 was the passage of Senate Bil 1507 to disconnect from certain tax incentives in the federal HR 1 – the most notable and sizable of which was the \$267 million of bonus depreciation tax incentives due to Oregon businesses for investments in capital equipment. The majority Democrats came to internal agreement early on this bill and used their majorities to pass the legislation without Republican votes. This \$311 million tax bill was the linchpin of the session as it set the budget in place.

Republican legislators and taxpayer groups appear poised to collect signatures to refer the legislation to voters at the next general election.

2. **Gas tax referendum election.** The biggest headline-grabbing issue of the session was **Senate Bill 1599** – an effort by Democratic leadership to move the election date of the gas tax referral up from the November general election to the May primary election. In a demonstration of political power, Democrats succeeded in overcoming an onslaught of emotional and popular opposition to the bill to help eliminate a potential political liability for Democratic incumbents in the 2026 general election.
3. **Moda Center.** Very few things bring Oregonians together more than their professional basketball team – the Portland Trailblazers . **SB 1501 authorized \$365 million of state bonding capacity and created a dedicated revenue stream - income tax revenues paid by the Portland Trailblazers and other athletes and performers – to service the debt needed to make renovations to the Moda Center.** In taking an ownership stake in the Moda Center, the legislature was looking to step in and prevent the team from possibly re-locating. These improvements were deemed to be essential in the effort to keep the Trailblazers in Portland. The dealmaking to pass SB 1501 in many ways provided the blueprint to peaceably adjourn the 2026 legislature as surplus state revenues were generously appropriated to rural and Republican districts as part of the “go home” package.
4. **The Trump effect.** The person who exerted more influence on this year’s session than anyone else was President Trump. Many bills introduced this session were intended to counter federal policy, largely related to immigration enforcement and fiscal policy. SB 1507 is a notable example, as it was seen as a necessary rebuttal to federal tax policy. HB 4138 attempts to prohibit federal law enforcement from wearing masks; HB 4127 to keep Planned Parenthood opened in Oregon; SB 1570 to require hospitals to have policies in place to address hospital response if a federal law enforcement authority arrives at the hospital; HB 4111 to provide that evidence of a party's immigration status is not admissible as evidence in a civil proceeding; HB 4114 to create a civil cause of action against federal law enforcement who enter certain property without a warrant or an exception to the warrant requirement.

The 2026 legislature adjourned on Friday, March 6th having considered nearly 300 pieces of legislation and balancing the state’s budget after 33 days of work. The partisan rancor that characterized the short session quickly gave way to collegiality and comity as the session came to an orderly and expeditious close.

Oregon State Chamber of Commerce 2026 Legislative Session Summary

Public Affairs Counsel was pleased to advocate and monitor the following issues for the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce (OSCC) during the 2026 Oregon legislative session. This is a recap of issues that were identified as top legislative priorities or issues of concern for OSCC during the short 35-day legislative session.

Economic Development

Oregon Jobs ACT (SB 1586): SB 1586 is an economic development measure aimed at supporting Oregon's advanced manufacturing and semiconductor industries. The bill expands the state's R&D tax credit to include advanced manufacturing and creates or expands several tax incentive programs tied to advanced manufacturing, enterprise zones, and regionally significant industrial sites. It also directs certain state agencies to establish and publicly post timelines for processing permits and to publish a catalogue of permits they issue, with the goal of improving transparency and predictability in the permitting process. The measure includes land-use provisions intended to support future industrial development for high-tech manufacturing in Washington County.

- **Final Outcome: Failed.** Although the bill enjoyed broad support among business groups including OSCC, the bill ultimately failed to advance due to the land use concerns surrounding the farmland that would be put into use for manufacturing in Washington County. A grassroots rebellion over that piece of the bill effectively killed it.

Governor's Economic Development Signature Bill (HB 4084): HB 4084 establishes a Joint Permitting Council to oversee a new fast-track permitting program intended to streamline and coordinate state agency approvals for large economic development and infrastructure projects that require permits from multiple agencies. The program is modeled in part on the federal FAST-41 program, with the goal of improving coordination, transparency, and timeliness in environmental and regulatory reviews for high-impact projects. The bill also makes changes to Oregon's Enterprise Zone program, including updating eligibility criteria to encourage investment in areas experiencing economic transition or with underutilized industrial land.

- **Final Outcome: Passed.** In what was seen as largely an inferior version of SB 1586, the Governor's economic priority bill did in fact pass with large bipartisan majorities.

Business Oregon Economic Development (HB 4061): HB 4061 is an economic development measure focused on strengthening Oregon's international trade strategy and business competitiveness. The bill directs Business Oregon to update the state's unified trade strategy in collaboration with key partners, including the Port of Portland and other state agencies, to expand exports, attract international investment, and support businesses impacted by global trade conditions such as tariffs. It also requires the Department of Administrative Services to develop a procurement reform roadmap to improve how the state purchases goods and services, particularly to benefit local and disadvantaged businesses.

Finally, the bill provides \$1 million in Lottery Funds to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to provide grants for up to 120 tariff-impacted businesses.

- **Final Outcome: Passed.**

Environmental Regulation

Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program (SB 1541): SB 1541 establishes the Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program to help Oregon recover costs associated with the impacts of climate change. The bill directs several state agencies to assess the historical costs of greenhouse gas emissions to the state and authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality to issue cost-recovery demand notices to certain fossil fuel companies determined to be responsible for a share of those costs.

- **Final Outcome: Failed.** Widely regarded as the most costly and anti-business regulatory bill of the 2026 session, SB 1541 passed the Senate Natural Resources Committee on a party line vote but then stalled in Ways and Means.

DEQ Expedited Permitting (HB 4102): HB 4102 allows expedited permitting review conducted by DEQ-authorized third parties. It allows DEQ to enter into agreements with applicants, permittees, or regulated entities to expedite or enhance environmental regulatory processes. The bill allows DEQ to use funds provided through these agreements to hire additional staff or contract for third party services to speed up permitting or regulatory reviews, while requiring the agency to first consider whether existing staff can perform the work. The expedited permitting would come at a cost, however, as applicants would bear the additional cost for third-party reviews.

- **Final Outcome: Passed.** HB 4102 was intended to deal with permitting backlogs at DEQ. The bill passed with broad bipartisan support.

Liability

Recreational Liability Waivers (SB 1517 / SB 1593 / HB 4071): SB 1517 modifies Oregon law governing liability waivers for sports, fitness, and recreational activities. The bill allows operators of recreational activities or facilities such as ski areas, fitness facilities, and other recreation providers to require participants to sign written releases waiving claims for ordinary negligence that may occur during participation in the activity. The measure also establishes conditions for when such liability waivers are enforceable, it clarifies that certain claims involving gross negligence, reckless conduct, or intentional harm cannot be waived.

- **Final Outcome: Passed.** Although SB 1593 was the preferred version of the bill supported by OSCC and the business community in general, it was SB 1517 that advanced at the 11th hour once a final deal was brokered at the end of session.

Insurance in the Unlawful Trade Practices Act (UTPA) (HB 4098): HB 4098 expands Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act (UTPA) to include certain violations of state insurance laws, allowing consumers to bring civil actions when insurers engage in unfair claim settlement practices, improper underwriting decisions, or certain policy cancellation practices. The bill was strongly opposed by OSCC and business groups even though the bill had multiple exemptions including insurance agents, medical malpractice and workers' compensation claims.

The bill was amended in the House to try to limit the scope of the bill further to first party bad faith claims. Business organizations strongly opposed the bill due to experience in other states with significant increases in property and casualty insurance products stemming from similar laws.

- **Final Outcome: Failed.** The only bill to fail on the House floor in the 2026 session. Seven moderate House Democrats joined Republicans in killing the bill 29-29 on the House floor despite Governor Kotek's 11th hour lobbying to support the bill.

General Business

Repeal of Public Camping Laws (SB 1514): SB 1514 addresses how Oregon regulates the use of public property by individuals experiencing homelessness. The bill repeals a 2021 law that established a statewide "objective reasonableness" standard governing how cities and counties may regulate camping or the use of public property. By removing this statewide standard, the measure eliminates the statutory basis that allowed people to challenge local regulations in court or use the standard as a defence when cited for violating those rules.

- **Final Outcome: Failed.** Although a significant priority for business organizations, this bill gained no traction in 2026. OSCC is expecting a potential ballot measure in the coming years on this issue.

Oregon Penny Bill (HB 4178): HB 4178 was spearheaded by the Northwest Grocery Association (NWGA) and became a business priority to pass in 2026. The legislation allows 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.

- **Final Outcome: Passed.**

Farm Stores (HB 4153): HB 4153 modifies Oregon land use law to allow counties to approve “farm stores” as a permitted nonfarm use on land zoned for farm use, expanding beyond the traditional “farm stand” model. The bill creates a new permitting pathway that gives farmers greater flexibility to sell products and engage in limited retail or agritourism activities, while still requiring that agricultural production remain the primary use of the land. Overall, the measure is intended to support farm viability by allowing producers to diversify income streams within Oregon’s existing farmland protection framework.

- **Final Outcome: Passed.** The signature bill for the Farm Bureau and agriculture groups over the objections of 1000 Friends and other land use groups, HB 4153 was supported also by Counties. The bill passed 40-14 in the House and 21-8 in the Senate.

Taxes

Federal Tax Disconnect (SB 1507): The major tax bill of the session, SB 1507 “disconnected” Oregon’s tax code from three specific provisions in federal tax law including deductions for vehicle loan interest, bonus depreciation for business investments in machinery and equipment, and gains from qualified small business stock when calculating Oregon taxable income. Overall, the measure sought to raise about \$300 million to balance the state budget. Business groups and OSCC opposed the bill, particularly the provision to disconnect Oregon from bonus depreciation, which accounted for \$267 million of the tax increase. The bill applied to tax year 2026 and beyond and will appear as a tax increase as the federal disconnect was fully in effect for Oregon taxpayers in 2025.

- **Final Outcome: Passed.** Majority Democrats came to internal agreement on this tax approach very early in session and passed the bill 17-13 in the Senate and 34-21 in the House. Passage of the bill largely allowed the state budget to be held harmless.

Recovering Oregon’s Wildlife Fund (HB 4134): HB 4134 increases Oregon’s state transient lodging tax from 1.5% to 2.75% and directs the additional revenue to wildlife conservation and related programs. The bill creates the Recovering Oregon’s Wildlife Fund Subaccount to support

the State Wildlife Action Plan and other species recovery and habitat conservation efforts, while allocating smaller portions of the new revenue to programs such as wildlife law enforcement, wolf management compensation, invasive species control, and conservation workforce initiatives. The tax increase would apply to lodging stays beginning January 1, 2027.

- **Final Outcome: Passed.** This bill had the support of agriculture and wildlife conservation groups over the objections of OSCC, DMO's, and the restaurant and lodging industry. The State TLT will now be used as a tax vehicle to fund several initiatives beyond state tourism promotion.

Local Transient Lodging Tax 50/50 Split (HB 4148): HB 4148 modifies how Oregon cities and counties may allocate revenue collected from local transient lodging taxes (TLT). The bill changes the required spending formula so that at least 50 percent of TLT revenue must be used for tourism promotion or tourism-related facilities, while up to 50 percent may be used for city or county services, such as public safety, infrastructure, or other local government needs. This replaces the previous requirement that 70 percent of the local revenue be dedicated to tourism promotion.

OSCC was particularly concerned about a late addition to the bill that authorized undefined "resiliency grants" to restaurant and lodging operators from the 50% dedicated to tourism promotion. OSCC sees this provision as a back door attempt to further weaken local tourism promotion efforts.

- **Final Outcome: Passed.** A multi-session battle culminated in the passage of HB 4148 to give local governments significantly more leeway in how it can spend local TLT revenues. Now, local governments can allocate up to 50% of TLT revenues on general government purposes.

Kicker Diversion (SJR 201): SJR 201 proposes a constitutional amendment to change how Oregon's personal income tax "kicker" surplus is distributed. If the surplus exceeds \$300 million, half would still be returned to taxpayers while the other half would be deposited into reserve accounts to support public education and wildfire prevention and suppression. The measure also adjusts the \$300 million threshold for inflation and refers the proposed constitutional change to voters for approval at the next general election.

- **Final Outcome: Failed.** It appeared early in session that this bill may get traction, but ultimately it did not advance any further than a single public hearing.

Large Employer "Shame List" (HB 4147): HB 4147 requires the Oregon Health Authority, working with the Department of Human Services and the Employment Department, to submit an annual report to the Legislature analyzing the relationship between large employers and

state medical assistance enrollment. The report must include aggregated statewide data on the number of employees receiving medical assistance, the distribution of those employees by employer size, industry, and region, and the overall cost of providing that assistance. The report is intended to shape a 2027 proposal to tax companies whose employees or their dependents access public services.

- **Final Outcome: Failed.** Senate Republicans killed the legislation on a procedural maneuver after it passed the House very late in the session.

Changes to the Estate Tax (SB 1511): SB 1511 modifies Oregon's estate tax structure. The bill increases the current \$1 million estate tax exemption into a \$2.5 million threshold. Estates between \$2.5 million and \$3 million would phase into full tax liability, with a significant increase in tax rates above \$2.5 million in order to produce a "revenue neutral" bill.

- **Final Outcome: Failed.** The bill passed the Senate 22-5 as it was sold primarily as estate tax relief for middle class taxpayers. However, most business organizations opposed the bill as the increases in estate tax rates above \$2.5 million would have further accelerated the out-migration of these taxpayers from local communities. The bill stalled in the House at the end.

Omnibus Tax Policy / SALT Workaround (SB 1510): SB 1510 is an omnibus tax policy bill that makes several updates to Oregon's tax laws, some of which are beneficial to businesses. Among the provisions, it extends the property tax exemption for cargo containers through 2032. It also extends the state's Business Alternative Income Tax (BAIT) and related personal income tax credit through tax years 2026 and 2027 to allow pass-through entities to claim the full amount of State and Local Taxes from business income, allows BAIT overpayments to be applied as estimated payments for the following tax year, and loosens the regulatory reins over Enrolled Agents to allow more EA's to serve Oregon taxpayers.

- **Final Outcome: Passed.**

Surplus Kicker Refunds (HB 4125): HB 4125 modifies how Oregon prepares its economic and revenue forecasts, which are used to build the state budget and determine surplus "kicker" refunds. The bill requires state economists to use more conservative revenue estimates. It also establishes a new One-Time Emergencies and Finance Fund to capture certain excess revenues for purposes such as reducing pension liabilities or funding capital projects. Overall, the bill is intended to produce fewer potential "kicker" refunds and potentially eliminate the possibility of any future "kicker" credits.

- **Final Outcome: Failed.** After a single hearing on the first day of session, the bill failed to move any further.

Mortgage Interest Deductions (HB 4136): This bill ends the tax deduction for mortgage interest paid for a taxpayer's second home. According to the Legislative Revenue Office, this bill would raise an estimated \$18 million each biennium. The legislation establishes the Oregon Homeownership Opportunity Account and directs money for down payment assistance.

- **Final Outcome: Failed.** Initially floated as a viable new revenue stream to help balance the budget, HB 4136 failed to gain any traction. However, OSCC forecasts that this issue will continue to surface and be a point of contention. There is building pressure to eliminate the interest deduction on secondary homes.

Task Force on Taxation of International Income (HB 4014): HB 4014 creates the Task Force on Taxation of International Income and requires the Task Force to investigate whether changes to Oregon's tax code could improve or simplify the state's tax treatment of international income and explore other statutory changes. The Task Force bill became a point of contention as business organizations became concerned that the Task Force would have a pre-determined outcome and would preface the push for additional tax legislation in 2027.

- **Final Outcome: Failed.** Despite opposition from Oregon based companies like Nike, this bill advanced out of the House, but was killed at the last minute in the Senate. We still believe an informal work group will meet during the 2026 interim.

BOLI Expenses Fund (HB 4027): HB 4027 establishes a new Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) Expenses Fund to provide a dedicated funding source for the agency's enforcement and administrative responsibilities by utilizing the existing cents-per-hour funding mechanism for the workers' compensation Worker Benefit Fund. The bill authorizes the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to collect an additional assessment from employers and employees, separate from the existing Workers' Benefit Fund assessment, and deposit the revenue into the new fund to support BOLI operations and related administrative costs. The measure is expected to raise \$9.5 million per year by 2031 and directs the state to adjust assessment rates as needed to maintain adequate reserves for the program.

- **Final Outcome: Passed.** Business opposed this bill as a back-door tax to fund BOLI. The tax utilized the existing funding stream that currently funds the Worker Benefit Fund. Furthermore, in what was clearly an additional tax, the legislature did not pass the bill with the required 3/5th supermajority. There will be consideration to a legal challenge of this measure.

Workplace Regulation

Compensation at Termination (HB 4094): House Democrats introduced legislation that requires employers, pursuant to an employment contract or an employer's policy, to provide for the payment of earned or accrued but unused paid vacation time upon termination of their employment. The payment of vacation time must be made in accordance with the existing timelines for wage payments upon termination of employment.

- **Final Outcome: Failed.** While this bill advanced out of the policy committee on a party-line vote to the Joint Ways and Means Committee, it failed to advance in 2026 due to potential cost implications for public employers.

Wage Theft Violation Bill (HB 4089): HB 4089 strengthens Oregon's laws related to wage theft and contractor licensing violations. The bill expands the crime of theft of services to include situations where employers fail to pay employees or independent contractors the full compensation owed for their work, including partial payments. It also increases criminal penalties for certain violations related to labor contractors, including knowingly hiring an unlicensed labor contractor or using a contractor's license number without authorization or with intent to deceive the public. In addition, the bill directs Oregon's Interagency Compliance Network to develop methods for identifying and sharing information about individuals or businesses engaged in theft-of-services offenses or violations of tax and employment laws.

- **Final Outcome: Passed.** What started out as a contentious partisan issue ended up being successfully negotiated. The bill passed with large bipartisan majorities.

Immigration Status in Civil Proceedings Bill (HB 4111): HB 4111 protects employees from retaliation when they update employment records after a lawful change in federal work authorization and expands Oregon's definition of law-enforcement profiling to include immigration status.

- **Final Outcome: Passed.** As part of the push to protect undocumented workers from employer retaliation, HB 4111 passed largely along party lines.

Expanding Worker Compensation "Any Willing Provider" Law (HB 4119): HB 4119 expands Oregon's workers' compensation system by expanding the types of health care providers who may treat injured workers and participate in managed care arrangements. The bill requires workers' compensation managed care organizations to accept any qualified provider within their geographic service area who meets the plan's standards, preventing plans from excluding otherwise eligible providers. It also broadens the definition of an "attending physician" for workers' compensation claims to include providers such as nurse practitioners, physician

associates, chiropractic physicians, and naturopathic physicians, which may increase treatment options and access to care for injured workers.

- **Final Outcome: Failed.** This issue has long been a point of contention in Oregon's workers' compensation system, with employer groups largely opposing "any willing provider" legislation as being a cost driver in the system. HB 4119 had no traction.

Prevailing Wage Requirements (SB 1566): SB 1566 proposes change to Oregon's prevailing wage requirements for public works projects related to affordable housing. The bill would exempt certain privately owned residential construction projects that predominantly provide affordable housing from the requirement to pay the state-mandated prevailing wages. The measure is intended to reduce construction costs and encourage the development and production of affordable housing by allowing qualifying projects to proceed without the additional labor cost requirements typically applied to public works projects funded or supported by public agencies.

- **Final Outcome: Failed.** SB 1566 showed early promise as many communities were seeking relief from BOLI's expansive prevailing wage determinations that are effectively stalling many affordable housing projects throughout the state. However, in its lone public hearing, the unions showed up in force to oppose the bill, effectively killing it.

Home and Community Service Workforce Standards Board (SB 1505): As part of the growing push for "workforce standards boards," SB 1505 would establish a Home and Community-Based Services Workforce Standards Board to develop minimum employment standards for workers who provide in-home and community-based care services, such as personal support workers and other direct care providers.

The board would be responsible for studying workforce conditions and setting standards related to issues like compensation, training, scheduling, and working conditions, while considering labor market data and industry needs. Before any new standards could take effect, the state would be required to evaluate the fiscal impact including potential increases to Medicaid reimbursement rates and the Legislature would need to appropriate funding to implement the changes.

- **Final Outcome: Failed.** OSCC again is greatly concerned for the growing call for independent workforce standards boards. SB 1505 was the second attempt in as many years to establish an independent board for this industry. Although it gained early momentum, it fizzled out as session wore on. OSCC fully expects this concept to come back in 2027.

HB 4098 opens the door to unprecedented litigation with zero guardrails, threatening insurance affordability for all Oregon consumers.

HB 4098 would allow parties to sue both policyholders and insurers, including third-party claimants. Unlike other states that have enacted safeguards to limit excessive litigation, HB 4098 includes no mechanisms to prevent the costliest forms of legal action. This risks destabilizing Oregon's insurance market at a time when Oregonians are saying affordability is their top concern.

The underlying statute was never designed for private litigation

HB 4098 would subject the Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act, a regulatory tool for state oversight, to private lawsuits and class actions. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners, which developed the model act, explicitly warns: ***"A jurisdiction choosing to provide for a private cause of action should consider a different statutory scheme. This Act is inherently inconsistent with a private cause of action."***

The Act uses intentionally broad language to give regulators flexibility in investigating patterns of misconduct, terms like "reasonable," "promptly," and "duplicative" that were never meant for courtroom interpretation. Especially when tied to the Unlawful Trade Practices Act, which allows class-action lawsuits for minimal actual damages and one-way attorney fees.

These provisions were designed for regulatory oversight, not litigation.

HB 4098 lacks the guardrails other states use

States that permit bad-faith lawsuits typically allow the insured to sue their insurer for claims-handling (first-party) bad faith. The very few states that allow third-party bad faith at all include protections to prevent abuse... HB 4098 has none. Florida requires 60 days' notice before filing suit and prohibits class actions. Texas requires a 61-day notice period. Massachusetts mandates a 30-day demand letter and limits enhanced damages to cases of intentional misconduct. Washington and Connecticut cap damages or require proof of a pattern of bad behavior. Montana and Wyoming restrict third-party lawsuits until the underlying claim is resolved.

HB 4098 skips all of these safeguards: no notice requirements, no limits on class actions, no caps on damages, and no restrictions on third-party suits. Oregon would adopt the most aggressive insurance litigation framework in the country while rejecting every protective mechanism used by other states.

Strong consumer protections exist

Oregon consumers can already file lawsuits or complaints with the state insurance commissioner if treated unfairly. The Division of Financial Regulation can order insurers to pay claims, require restitution, and levy fines against bad actors. The Oregon Supreme Court's *Moody* decision also established a negligence standard under which insurers may be held liable for emotional distress in first-party claims.

HB 4098 would add legal complexity and uncertainty to a market that is already struggling with rising costs.

Please reject HB 4098. When affordability is Oregonians' top concern, advancing a major cost-increasing bill ignores the realities families and businesses face.



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Dear Chair Broadman and Members of the Senate Committee on Finance & Revenue,

On behalf of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce (OSCC), we respectfully **oppose** HB 4134, which proposes a statewide increase in Oregon's transient lodging tax (TLT) to fund the "Recovering Oregon's Wildlife Fund" for the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW).

The OSCC represents more than 80 chambers of commerce statewide, many of whom are also the Destination Marketing Organizations (DMOs) for their communities. Tourism supports small business, provides jobs and builds the tax base for local communities. By increasing the statewide tax from 1.5% to 2.75%, Oregon would be put at a competitive disadvantage, especially for rural communities that rely on tourism as a primary economic driver.

When Oregon's statewide TLT was created, the purpose was to reinvest those dollars back into tourism promotion and related efforts to grow the tourism sector of our economy. Doing so has resulted in the successful expansion of this industry in our state, creating jobs, small business growth opportunities, and strengthening local economies. HB 4134 would hurt this progress.

Because the TLT is added on top of local city and county taxes, rural communities have serious concerns about the cumulative impact of this tax increase on business and leisure travel. Statewide, this will also have a negative impact on our ability to compete for larger sporting events, group travel and conferences at a time when we are already seeing a decline in tourism.

Here are the primary reason's OSCC opposes this bill:

1. HB 4134 is a tax that makes travel and life more expensive for Oregonians.
2. HB 4134 will use up 1.25% of taxing "runway" that would otherwise be used for special or additional tourism campaigns.
3. HB 4134 will put tourism in constant and direct tension with wildlife programs, as both sides will have strong feelings – and potential veto authority - over future efforts to increase this tax for the other side.

We have a tourism program that works. Please don't use it for unrelated programs or complicate it with HB 4134. Let tourism dollars support tourism and keep the integrity of the system intact.

We ask you to vote "No" on HB 4134.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JL Wilson".

JL Wilson
Legislative Counsel for OSCC

Oppose HB 4134 to Save Tourism Jobs



HB 4134 is a \$38M a year tax increase on Oregon hotels and lodging businesses

HB 4134 nearly doubles the statewide transient lodging tax (TLT), increasing the existing tax from 1.5% to 2.75%. When the statewide lodging tax was originally created in 2003, it was a 1% lodging tax dedicated to economic development, job creation and tourism promotion.

HB 4134 is a Job Killer for Oregon

Increasing taxes on the private sector and diverting a dedicated revenue stream away from economic development and job creation will harm Oregon. At a time when the hospitality industry is still recovering from the pandemic and hospitality employment is still 14 percent below 2019 numbers, taking money that is designed to bring visitors to Oregon and create jobs in local communities is the wrong direction.

HB 4134 is an \$11 million tax increase on Oregonians

Although out of state visitors represent the majority of travelers in Oregon, approximately 30% of the statewide transient lodging tax is paid by Oregonians traveling in the state.

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If HB 4134 passes, Oregonians will pay \$11 million more per year in new taxes just for going to their favorite Oregon vacation destinations, when traveling to youth sporting tournaments, during business travel, and visiting family. Oregonians recently made their feelings known on tax increases when they referred the gas tax and other tax and fee increases to the ballot.

Over the last 23 years, the statewide lodging tax has been incredibly successful in accomplishing the purpose for which it was created: Creating jobs for Oregonians and boosting Oregon's economy.

TLT Tax Investments are Working

\$40M in taxes = \$14 Billion in Economic Activity

That's an ROI of 350 times. The tourism and hospitality sector creates jobs across the state beyond just restaurants and lodging properties. Visitors spend their money at grocery stores, gas stations, retail businesses and even state parks. All of which contributes to a healthier local economy and more hours and jobs for the people who live and work in those communities.

HB 4134 Weakens Oregon's Competitiveness

For example, the University of Oregon is in the bidding process for the **2029–2031 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships**. HB 4134 could materially weaken Oregon's competitiveness in the bid cycle due to higher costs. If Eugene were not awarded the championships, the potential impact is estimated at:

- **\$27 million** in economic impact over three years
- **\$780,000** in lodging tax revenue over the same time period

When Oregon lost the bid to Austin in 2023, the numbers were staggering:

- **\$2,394,840** decline in hotel revenue
- **\$232,842** loss in local transient lodging tax
- **\$39,522** loss in state lodging tax

This single event resulted in nearly **\$272,000** in combined local and state lodging tax revenue not being generated in Lane County over a single four-day event.

Hundreds of Oregonians Oppose HB 4134 to Save Tourism Jobs

The opposition is growing every day. Visit www.SaveTourismJobs.com to see people from across the state who oppose this job-killing bill to increase taxes on Oregonians.

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March 3, 2026

Dear Senator,

We, the undersigned Chamber of Commerce leaders from across Oregon, wish to engage you one final time on the issue of Transient Lodging Taxes.

We respectfully ask you to support the Minority Report on HB 4148, as it deletes a potentially fatal flaw in the bill – the ‘business resiliency’ grants that our businesses did not ask for. There is a realistic possibility these grants may be used to zero out or completely degrade local tourism promotion.

There are massive changes pending in front of you – HB 4134 to increase the state TLT to add five new state agencies as recipients of TLT funds, and HB 4148 to change the local TLT distribution formula away from local tourism promotion.

Our Chambers collectively opposed both bills as we have been on the front lines of promoting our communities for many years and have grave concerns about the impact of these bills in tandem as it relates to the economic vitality of our communities.

It is important to understand that tourism is a traded sector – it imports dollars into our communities from visitors – and for better or worse, it has been a pillar of local economic growth absent the growth of traditional traded sector industry.

Many businesses and jobs are supported in our communities due to the well-functioning and well-proven system of tourism promotion and investments that have served our state and our communities for over two decades – a system that will now be significantly disrupted and potentially degraded with the passage of HB 4134 and HB 4148 in tandem.

We would caution the Senate to understand that we cannot be assured of the same level of success and growth in our tourism sector absent the continued and sustained investment that we’ve proudly delivered on over the past 20 years.

We understand that the political tides are very strong in support of HB 4134 and HB 4148 and we have come to grips with that.

In an attempt to work on the margins to prevent any further deterioration in our ability to deliver sustained tourism growth and the corresponding benefits to our local businesses and jobs, we ask you to please remove the option of “resilience grants” in HB 4148. **The only avenue to do so is by adopting the Minority Report on HB 4148.**



Our respective tourism sectors did not request these grants, nor would we support these grants to ever be implemented in lieu of actual tourism promotion. We don't believe it should even be an option.

To be clear: We need visitors and customers on the front end - not grants on the back end.

In other words, we need the TLT revenues dedicated to tourism promotion to do what they were intended to do – promote our communities and drive visitor spending. No other use should be considered for these dollars.

In summary, we know that significant changes are coming. We ask that you would make this one, final adjustment to HB 4148 to give us certainty in our revenue streams so we can deliver for our communities. Please adopt the Minority Report to House Bill 4148.

Respectfully,

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Alicia Bermes
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Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce

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Don't Worsen Oregon's Economic Challenges: Preserve Connection to Federal Tax Law

Since 2019, the state tax burden borne by individuals and businesses has grown tremendously. Individuals in Portland are paying a 13.9% marginal tax rate on incomes over \$125,000, which is the highest rate imposed on that income threshold in the entire country. Meanwhile, state business taxes have increased 77% to \$3.4 billion. As a result, Oregon's economic outlook is in freefall. According to the Tax Foundation, the state has slid to 35th in general tax competitiveness and 49th in corporate tax competitiveness. Oregon ranks 47th as a place to move due in large part to the state's high costs and anemic economy.

Economic Investment in Oregon is Lagging

Several indicators depict a gloomy economy throughout Oregon. Recent reports released by the Office of Economic Analysis show private sector employment has decreased, especially manufacturing jobs where the state is experiencing a pronounced recession. The same reports confirm Oregon's population growth has stagnated since the pandemic. Given those factors, it is unsurprising that consumer confidence is lower in Portland than any other major metro region according to national surveys and the state is shedding jobs at a rate not seen since the Great Recession.¹

Disconnecting from Federal Tax Law Would Undermine Opportunities to Recover and Further Increase Oregon's High Tax Burden

Oregon's current connection to federal tax law is the silver lining to the state's aggressive and high tax posture. Not only does maintaining Oregon's close connection to federal tax law bolster the state's competitiveness by keeping it easy for Oregonians to pay their state taxes, but it also would preserve several provisions meant to spur economic investment in the state. With a positive Ending Fund Balance projected after the most recent Economic and Revenue Forecast, Oregon must maintain this connection to federal tax law to keep the state from falling further behind.

The policies currently under consideration:

- **Bonus Depreciation/Full Expensing:** Restores and makes permanent full expensing for purchases that encourage businesses to invest in Oregon. For example, businesses can bolster their workforce by purchasing new machinery and equipment.
- **Qualified Small Business Stocks.** This longstanding provision of the federal tax code encourages long-term investment in growing Oregon businesses, including the purchase of equipment and hiring of new employees.
- **Auto Loan Interest.** Changes to federal law allow taxpayers to deduct auto loan interest, which would help working Oregonians weather the state's affordability crisis. Oregon is a high-cost, high-tax state.
- **New Tax Credits Don't Move the Needle.** Proposed new and expanded credits, including a jobs tax credit, have not been evaluated to determine their effectiveness. The job tax credit also would create a complex process to obtain a minimally useful incentive.

Oppose SB 1507A to Support Prosperity in Oregon

¹ [Oregon mass layoffs approach Great Recession levels - oregonlive.com](https://oregonlive.com/news/oregon-mass-layoffs-approach-great-recession-levels/)

Feb. 25, 2026

The Honorable Tina Kotek
Governor, State of Oregon
900 Court St. Suite 254
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Gov. Kotek:

The undersigned organizations respectfully request that you veto SB 1507, which would increase the tax burden for working Oregonians and state businesses by hundreds of millions of dollars. It would do so at a time when working Oregonians are struggling to make ends meet, when unemployment consistently exceeds the national average, when the state is losing private sector jobs year over year, when the state is falling (sometimes precipitously) in a wide range of competitive indices, when the state's GDP continues to grow more slowly than the national average, and when the tax and regulatory burdens carried by the state's employers have become so heavy that recruitment efforts by other states have produced what a state economist calls "an insane success rate."

Only months ago, your office released a welcome prosperity roadmap that identifies three strategic goals: Accelerate Oregon's economic growth; more living wage jobs, now; retain and grow Oregon businesses. The effective tax increases in SB 1507 would undermine every single one of these. If you are serious about achieving these goals and increasing prosperity for Oregonians, you must veto SB 1507.

SB 1507 would disconnect Oregon from the federal tax code in order to nullify three provisions of H.R. 1 for the purposes of state taxation.

- The first creates a tax deduction for interest paid on new car loans. Slashing this benefit, as SB 1507 would do, would further reduce the buying power of working Oregonians' income following years of soaring inflation. In addition to its three strategic goals, your prosperity roadmap aspires to a top-10 place in CNBC's annual America's Top States for Business ranking. In the latest ranking, Oregon finished 45th for cost of living – almost dead last. Adopting policies that make living in Oregon even *more* expensive for working Oregonians will not improve the well-being of the state's residents or move a key indicator in your prosperity roadmap in the desired direction.
- The second provision of H.R. 1 targeted by SB 1507 involves capital tax gains exclusions for qualified small business stocks. This Clinton-era program provides an incentive for

reinvestment in small businesses growth. It helps local companies grow and create living wage jobs. By undermining this benefit, supporters of SB 1507 inadvertently justify Oregon's abysmal CNBC business-friendliness ranking.

- The final component of H.R. 1 targeted by SB 1507 allows accelerated depreciation of qualified equipment. This is shortsighted and misguided. Accelerated depreciation is not any sort of tax break. Rather, it is a timing tool that allows businesses – particularly small and mid-sized businesses and capital-intensive businesses like manufacturing, agriculture, etc. – to invest in equipment that would increase productivity, increase energy efficiency and expand operations—ultimately leading to more people with good jobs. Further, because accelerated depreciation is about timing, this maneuver only shifts when Oregon will see revenue and possibly risks reduced revenue in the long-run as companies see one more signal from Salem that this is not a state for their investments. Again, the supporters of SB 1507 have worked to solidify Oregon's 47th-place business-friendliness ranking.

Another important thing to note about SB 1507 is that the revenue it generates, however short-term, is tied to Oregon's General Fund. According to the forecast released by the state economist earlier this month, the current General Fund budget is more than funded, with an additional nearly \$200 million in an ending fund balance and another \$3.4 billion (nearly 10% of General Fund) in savings/reserves. More revenue is simply not needed.

The undersigned organizations understand that vetoing SB 1507 will take courage. But failing to veto this bill would exacerbate the very problems that gave rise to your prosperity roadmap and prosperity council, whose members will have plenty of work to do without the added complication of SB 1507.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to veto SB 1507.



SB 1586: Oregon JOBS Act: Jobs, Opportunity & Build-Ready Site Act

OBJECTIVE:

Support Oregon workers and families by strengthening the state's ability to **create and retain high-wage jobs**. Maintain and accelerate modest growth of advanced manufacturing jobs (semiconductors, biotech, clean tech) in Oregon and increase Oregon's income tax base.

PROBLEM

Oregon's working families are feeling the squeeze, from rising costs at the kitchen table to growing uncertainty in the economy. **When job-creating projects are delayed or lost, workers feel it first**, and Oregon loses the revenue needed to support schools, infrastructure, and public services. Without deliberate action on site location, incentives, and regulatory relief, Oregon risks losing jobs and investments to other states and falling further behind. It becomes a promise without a place.



Updated: Feb 13, 2026

SB 1586: Oregon JOBS Act: Jobs, Opportunity & Build-Ready Site Act

SOLUTION:

I. Sites: Unlock Land for Advanced Manufacturing

Unlock land previously identified by the semiconductor task force and SB4 (2023), into the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) in North Hillsboro for development – 1,700 acres located east of McKay Creek and south of Highway 26. Of that land, 373 acres are brought into the UGB immediately. The remaining acreage is designated as urban reserves, allowing that land to be urbanized in a future Metro process. Require land be designated for use by advanced manufacturing firms and suppliers. **Stand-alone data centers are prohibited.**

II. Incentives: Retain and Attract Advanced Manufacturing Jobs

A. Expand Research & Development Tax Credit

Expand Oregon's existing R&D credit to compete with other trade-reliant states.

- Expand the credit beyond semiconductor companies to include all advanced manufacturing companies, including clean tech and life sciences.
- Allow companies with 3,000 or more employees to receive refundable credit
- Increase the biennial credit certification limits for future biennia and extend sunset

B. Capital Equipment Property Tax Relief

Allow local governments to offer a five-year property tax exemption on new, qualified capital equipment and machinery used for advanced manufacturing (*defined*) that is purchased after January 1, 2026. Benefits the full range of advanced manufacturing around the state, from clean tech to advanced materials, and business of all sizes. Existing equipment is not eligible. Machinery returns to the tax rolls after 5 years.

C. Strengthen the Regionally Significant Industrial Sites (RSIS) Program

Change the RSIS Program qualifying threshold for rural sites from 25 jobs “per company” to 25 jobs “collectively” or “in aggregate” to ensure the City of Pendleton can remain qualified for reimbursement for infrastructure investments under RSIS.

III. Regulatory Reform

Direct state agencies to establish processing deadlines for permits, make deadlines available to the public, and publish a catalog of permits issued.



February 9, 2026

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Dear Chair Meek and Members of the Senate Commerce & General Government Committee,

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce (OSCC) **supports SB 1593.**

The OSCC represents over 80 local chambers of commerce statewide. These chambers represent local business communities from every corner of the state that are the backbone of their local communities and provide the goods, services, jobs, taxes and charitable efforts that fuel our economy.

OSCC wants to give voice to the small, local businesses who participate in the outdoor, health, recreation and sporting industries in support of SB 1593.

Senate Bill 1593 restores the validity of liability waivers for ordinary negligence for local businesses that engage in outdoor sporting, recreation, health and fitness. These waivers have been rendered unenforceable by a state court decision. SB 1593 is an important bill for many of our local businesses and local economies because the outdoor and recreation sector is central to those economies.

The state court ruling has effectively created an adverse and collapsing market for liability insurance, leading to increased costs and risks for recreation and fitness businesses – including, but not limited to - the cost of and access to liability insurance. Oregon businesses now pay significantly more for liability insurance than other western states, if they can find it at all.

Stories abound of liability insurance carriers dropping Oregon companies engaged in sports and recreation. For those able to obtain liability insurance, the premiums are dramatically higher. Needless to say, a small business cannot operate if they are not able to be insured for this risk.

This issue affects both small business and their customers, who in this case are recreation and fitness users. It's not a business vs consumer issue because our interests are aligned. We do not believe our insurers are the bad actors here. Rather, we understand Oregon has evolved into a uniquely bad liability environment. SB 1593 will help us fix this and restore vitality and much-needed legal certainty to these sectors.

Please pass SB 1593. This bill is central to many local economies.

Respectfully,

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JL Wilson
Legislative Counsel



February 18, 2026

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Dear Chair Broadman and Members of the Senate Committee on Finance & Revenue,

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce (OSCC) **opposes SJR 201**.

The OSCC represents over 80 local chambers of commerce statewide. These chambers represent local business communities from every corner of the state that are the backbone of their local communities and provide the goods, services, jobs, taxes and charitable efforts that fuel our economy.

OSCC opposes SJR 201 for two primary reasons:

1. Oregon's income tax burden is already exceedingly high. The average Oregonian pays a marginal tax rate of 8.75%, which on its own is one of the top seven highest rates in the nation. Added to this income tax is both a Paid Family Leave tax of 0.6% and a statewide transit tax of 0.1%, which pushes the average tax rate to nearly 9.5%.

Oregon's top income tax rate is at 9.9% - and not only does it include the additional family leave and transit tax which push the effective rate up to 10.6% - it is also not indexed for inflation, meaning more Oregonians and small businesses have the privilege of paying the top rate every year.

2. The 2% kicker law has been an effective functional constraint on the growth of state spending. Over the past decade, the kicker has refunded \$11 billion back to Oregonians. During this same time, Oregon's biennial general fund still increased by 100% - from \$19 billion to \$39 billion.

The \$11 billion in kicker refunds is a valuable growth constraint that does not incur roll-up costs or require taxpayers to continue to sustain it with a declining tax base. If you believe Oregon state government is not affordable now, how affordable would it be if it included an additional \$11 billion in baseline spending? The kicker is valuable in maintaining any semblance of affordability of Oregon state government.

Please table SJR 201. The bill is tone deaf to the realities of Oregonians who are poised to reject a 6-cent gas tax due to real affordability concerns and due to the legislature so easily discarding the overwhelming sentiment of everyday Oregonians who strongly cautioned the legislature not to pass the tax. Making government more expensive is a poor policy choice for a state in economic decline.

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Tourism Funds at Risk Again - Take Action Now

Legislators will again be attempting to make changes to the transient lodging tax during the upcoming short session. Similar to the bills presented during the 2025 session, these bills would divert funds from their intended purpose.

There are three bills the legislature will be considering.

HB 4148: Reallocates local TLT from economic development.

HB 4134: Raises statewide TLT and diverts money from tourism development.

SB 1562: Reallocates local TLT from economic development.

This is a major issue for OSCC members. OSCC opposes these bills as Oregon and our local communities are in no position to start compromising on tourism promotion – once those TLT dollars are diverted they will never go back to their intended use.

We encourage Chambers to visit the coalition website [SaveTourismJobs.com](https://www.savetourismjobs.com) to add your name and join our partners in defeating these bills. Thank you to those Chambers who have already joined.

In addition, Oregon's Liability Waiver Standards will be up for discussion again in 2026. OSCC has also opposed this bill due to the devastating effect it would have on our recreation and fitness sector businesses. Chambers can visit [protectoregonrec.org](https://www.protectoregonrec.org) to join the Protect Oregon Recreation Coalition.



Urgent Action Needed to Protect Our Outdoor & Recreation Businesses - Act Now for 2026 Recreation Liability Waivers

Oregon's Liability Waiver Standards will be up for discussion again in 2026. OSCC has long supported legislation in support of our recreation and fitness industries, and will do so again.

Recent state court rulings have effectively nullified Oregon liability waivers, impacting the accessibility and affordability of recreation and fitness. Oregon businesses now pay significantly more for liability insurance than other western states, and as a result, recreation and fitness providers are forced to either increase consumer costs or eliminate recreation options.

The [Oregon Recreation Commerce and Affordability Act of 2026](#) (ORCA) is looking to put Oregon businesses back on equal footing with surrounding western states. A number of local Chambers have already joined this effort. Chambers can visit protectoregonrec.org to join the Protect Oregon Recreation Coalition.

As a reminder, we will begin holding our weekly legislative update calls this Friday at 9:30am. You can [add these calls to your calendar using this link](#).

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Testify Against the Statewide TLT Increase - Public Hearing Scheduled for Wednesday

The first public hearing for the state lodging tax increase - [HB 4134](#) - is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 4th at 3pm.**

OSCC opposes this bill, which would increase the statewide Transient Lodging Tax by 1.25%.

We need lawmakers to hear directly from chambers and their about the real-world impacts of this proposal. Chambers and your impacted business members can provide testimony in one of two ways:

- [Written testimony can be submitted using this link](#)
- [Register online to testify during the meeting using this link](#)

For help on submitting testimony or registering to testify, please see [OSCC's video tutorials here](#).

As a reminder, legislators will be attempting to make changes to the transient lodging tax during the short session, which would divert funds from their intended purpose. OSCC opposes these bills as they are major issues for members.

There are three bills the legislature will be considering:

[HB 4148](#): Reallocates local TLT from economic development.

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Retail Sales Tax Bill Now Being Used as Federal Tax Disconnect Bill - Public Hearing Today

On Monday, OSCC indicated that we were concerned about [SB 1507](#) as it would be used to stage a new retail sales tax. **THIS BILL IS NOW BEING "GUT AND STUFFED" FOR THE FEDERAL TAX DISCONNECT BILL!**

You can see this included in the [-4 amendment](#) and [-5 amendment](#) here.

This bill will disconnect from:

1. The interest deduction for vehicle loans for US-made autos (\$19 million)
2. Personal income tax exclusion for gain from the exchange or sale of qualified small business stock (\$39 million)
3. Bonus depreciation for business investment in machinery and equipment placed into service in tax years 2026 and later. (\$267 million)

A public hearing is being held on this bill this morning. [You can submit testimony using this link.](#)

Oregon State Chamber of Commerce (OSCC) | PO Box 12945, Salem, OR 97302





Critical Tourism and Liability Waiver Bills to hold Public Hearings Monday - Submit Testimony Today

On Monday, there are two OSCC priority bills receiving hearings that we are asking members to engage on.

OPPOSE: [HB 4148](#) - TLT Diversion: This bill is another attempt to shift transient lodging tax (TLT) funds away from tourism promotion. It would give 60% of local TLT monies to local government and 40% for tourism promotion. This is a drastic shift from current law, which gives 70% to tourism promotion and 30% to local government.

HB 4148 will have a public hearing on [Monday at 3pm in the House Committee on Revenue](#).

- [You can submit testimony using this link.](#)
- [You can sign up to testify using this link.](#)

SUPPORT: [SB 1593](#) - Recreational Liability Waivers: This bill is a key issues for fitness, outdoor and recreation businesses. Oregon is the only state that gives businesses no ability to enforce liability waivers for ordinary negligence. The ask is simply to put Oregon on equal footing.

SB 1593 will have a public hearing on [Monday at 8am in the Senate Committee on Commerce and General Government](#).

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Stand with Partners to Oppose HB 4134 -Submit Logo Today

OSCC is urging Chambers to stand with industry partners by adding your logo to a [one-pager](#) opposing [HB 4134](#). This bill would increase the statewide transient lodging tax (TLT) from 1.5% to 2.75%, putting Oregon at a competitive disadvantage, and hurting small business and job growth.

Please send your logo to [Jessica Chambers](#) by 5pm Tuesday, February 10th to be included.

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Submit Testimony to Protect Critical Local Tourism Funding

Things are moving quickly in Salem and it is important that Chambers act now on bills impacting local tourism. **Here is an important reminder for one of those public hearings taking place today.**

OPPOSE: [HB 4148](#) - TLT Diversion: This bill is another attempt to shift transient lodging tax (TLT) funds away from tourism promotion. It would give 60% of local TLT monies to local government and 40% for tourism promotion. This is a drastic shift from current law, which gives 70% to tourism promotion and 30% to local government. **That change has real consequences for visitor demand, jobs, and the health of our local economies—especially during shoulder and off-peak seasons.**

HB 4148 will have a public hearing [today at 3pm in the House Committee on Revenue](#).

- [You can sign up to testify using this link.](#)
- [You can submit testimony using this link.](#) - Testimony can be submitted up to 48 hours after the hearing.

The stakes are high. Legislators need to hear from Chambers and local businesses who will be impacted with the real-life consequences of this policy decision.

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Reminder: Submit Logo Today to Oppose HB 4134

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Monday Hearings Ahead for OSCC Priority Bills

On Monday morning, there are several public hearings will taking place for bills OSCC is engaged in. **Chambers are urged to submit testimony in support of these bills.** As a reminder, written testimony may be submitted within 48 hours after the start time of a committee meeting.

SUPPORT: [SB 1586](#) - Oregon JOBS Act

OSCC and many of our chambers are listed supporters of this bill which purports to (1) expand local government ability to exempt advanced manufacturing equipment and machinery from property taxation; (2) expand the R&D Tax Credit to advanced manufacturing; (3) open up industrial land in Washington County for advanced manufacturing; and (4) establish expedited timelines for permitting.

Click here to see the current [one-pager](#).

SB 1586 will have a public hearing [Monday, February 16th at 8am in the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue.](#)

- [You can sign up to testify using this link.](#)
- [You can submit testimony using this link.](#)

SUPPORT: [SB 1514](#)

Restore local control and safety related to unsanctioned public camping



Urgent Action Needed on Recreational Liability Waivers

There is another bill related to recreational liability waivers that OSCC is asking Chamber to engage on. **Chambers are urged to contact their Senators and ask them to OPPOSE SB 1517 and instead SUPPORT SB 1593.**

SUPPORT: [SB 1593](#)

This bill is still alive in the Senate Rules Committee. [OSCC has already issued an Action Alert on this issue.](#) Oregon is the only state in the western US that gives recreational, outdoor and fitness businesses no ability to enforce liability waivers for ordinary negligence. This is a key issue for our outdoor industries and fitness and recreation businesses. SB 1593 appears to be tabled in favor of a bill we oppose - SB 1517.

OPPOSE: [SB 1517](#)

As amended by the [-7](#), SB 1517 is **WORSE than current law** for the recreation industry. It is narrowly focuses on ski areas and would not address the issue of liability exposure for all recreational industries.

SB 1517 had a public hearing on Tuesday. [You can submit testimony using this link.](#)



Urgent: Chamber Action Needed on HB 4148

There has been a significant development on the TLT distribution bill - [HB 4148](#) - that Chambers need to be aware of.

HB 4148 would give 60% of local TLT monies to local government and 40% for tourism promotion, a drop from the current 70% to tourism promotion and 30% to local government.

Yesterday, the [-7 amendment](#) was passed, which proposed a compromise from the from the 60-40 split to a 50-50 split. **However, the amendment also creates "resilience grants" for small businesses. These grants would come out of the 50% dedicated to tourism marketing and promotion.**

During this morning's legislative update call, Chambers indicated their opposition to having these grants funds come from the money dedicated to marketing and tourism promotion. **OSCC is asking Chambers to contact their legislators and ask them to [OPPOSE HB 4148 with the -7 amendment](#).**

TAKE ACTION TODAY

Session is moving fast and we could see a Floor vote on this bill next week. Chambers are urged to contact your legislators and ask them to [OPPOSE HB 4148 with the -7 amendment](#) as soon as possible.

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Urge Your Representative to Vote "NO" on HB 4134

[HB 4134](#) - which nearly doubles the statewide transient lodging tax from 1.5% to 2.75% - will likely be up for a vote on the House Floor TODAY.

This bill is a **\$38M a year tax increase** on Oregon hotels and lodging businesses.

We are urging Chambers to contact their Representatives and urge them to **VOTE NO on HB 4134**.

Below are key Representatives who need to hear from you:

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State Representative Shannon Isadore (HD 33)

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State Representative Sue Rieke Smith

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State Representative Ricki Ruiz

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Talking Points:

HB 4134 is a Job Killer for Oregon

Increasing taxes on the private sector and diverting a dedicated revenue stream away from economic development and job creation will harm Oregon. At a time when the hospitality industry is still recovering from the pandemic and hospitality employment is still 14 percent below 2019 numbers, taking money that is designed to bring visitors to Oregon and create jobs in local communities is the wrong direction.

HB 4134 is an \$11 million tax increase on Oregonians

Although out of state visitors represent the majority of travelers in Oregon, approximately 30% of the statewide transient lodging tax is paid by Oregonians traveling in the state. If HB 4134 passes, Oregonians will pay \$11 million more per year in new taxes just for going to their favorite Oregon vacation destinations, when traveling to youth sporting tournaments, during business travel, and visiting family. Oregonians recently made their feelings known on tax increases when they referred the gas tax and other tax and fee increases to the ballot.

TLT Tax Investments are Working

\$40M in statewide TLT taxes = \$14 Billion in Economic Activity

That's an ROI of 350 times. The tourism and hospitality sector creates jobs across the state beyond just restaurants and lodging properties. Visitors spend their money at grocery stores, gas stations, retail businesses and even state parks. All of which contributes to a healthier local economy and more hours and jobs for the people who live and work in those communities.

HB 4134 Weakens Oregon Competitiveness for Large Events and Groups

Large events, groups, and conferences are constantly looking for places to hold their meetings and competition is fierce among cities to attract this

business. HB 4134 increases costs for groups looking at Oregon and when combined with city, county and other lodging fees and taxes, this increase to the statewide TLT will impact our ability to win that business. This will hit especially hard in Portland, where the overall tax rate, if HB 4134 passes, would be the second highest in the Western United States behind only Seattle.

Please vote “NO” on HB 4134

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HB 4134 Passes by Minimum Vote in House



Yesterday, [HB 4134](#) - which nearly doubles the statewide transient lodging tax from 1.5% to 2.75% - **passed in the House by the minimum 36 votes**. Three Republicans joined 33 Democrats in voting yes on this tax. [Click here to see how your Representative voted.](#)

The bill now heads to the Senate. **We anticipate the first public hearing will take place next Monday at 8am.** We will send out an Action Alert once the final schedule has been confirmed along with the information you need to weigh in.

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Urgent Action Needed: Chamber Testimony Needed to Oppose HB 4134

Things are moving fast with the end of session approaching. **We are urging Chambers to act now urge the Senate to **VOTE NO on HB 4134.****

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HB 4134 will have a [public hearing TOMORROW AT 5PM in the Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue.](#)

- [Click here to submit testimony.](#)
- [Click here to register to testify.](#)

The stakes are high. Legislators need to hear from Chambers and local businesses who will be impacted with the real-life consequences of this policy decision.

TAKE ACTION TODAY

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TAKE ACTION

Chambers are urged to testify at today's public hearing and ask the committee to **OPPOSE HB 4134.**

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Chamber Action Critical to Stop SB 1517 and HB 4148

There are two bills that will hold hearings on Monday morning at 8am that are high-priority for OSCC. We need Chambers to act so legislators understand the negative impact these bills will have on your business communities.

As was mentioned on this morning's call, **even if you have already talked with your legislators about these bills, it is important to continue to make your position known.**

OPPOSE: SB 1517 - Recreational liability

SB 1517 is **WORSE than current law** for the recreation industry. It is narrowly focuses on ski areas and would not address the issue of liability exposure for all recreational industries. **You can see the Action Alert we sent earlier on this bill here.**

SB 1517 will have a **public hearing in the House Committee On Rules on Monday morning at 8am.**

- **[Click here to register to testify](#)**
 - **[Click here to submit testimony](#)**
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2026 Interim Key Dates

Tuesday, March 10, 2026: Filing Day.

Tuesday, May 19, 2026: Primary Election.

Wednesday, May 20, 2026: Revenue Forecast is released.

Monday-Wednesday, June 15-17, 2026: Legislative Committees meet.

Wednesday, August 26, 2026: Revenue Forecast is released.

Tuesday-Thursday, September 8-10, 2026: Legislative Committees meet.

Friday, September 11, 2026: Legislative Concept request deadline to Legislative Counsel.

Tuesday, November 3, 2026: General Election.

Wednesday, November 18, 2026: Revenue Forecast is released.

Tuesday, December 1, 2026: Legislative Counsel deadline to return LC drafts to legislators for pre-session filings.

Tuesday-Thursday, December 1-3, 2026: Legislative Committees meet.

Friday, December 11, 2026: LC filing deadline with Secretary of the Senate or House Clerk for 2027 bill introductions.

Tuesday, January 19, 2027: The Oregon Legislature convenes for the opening day of the 2027 legislative session.

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Bill Number	Position	Priority	Last Three Actions	Next Hearing Date
HB 4071	Support	1	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/02/26 - Referred to Judiciary with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 02/02/26 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	

Relating to recreation; declaring an emergency.

Provides that an operator may require an adult person who engages in a sport, fitness or recreational activity in various ways to release the operator from claims for ordinary negligence.

Bill Sponsor: Rep Breese-Iverson; Rep Bunch; Rep Cate; Rep Diehl; Rep Elmer; Rep Helfrich; Rep Levy B; Rep Levy E; Rep Lewis; Rep Lively; Rep Mannix; Rep Owens; Rep Reschke; Rep Wallan; Sen Meek; Sen Smith DB; Sen Sollman; Sen Starr (Presession filed)

2/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead

HB 4098	Oppose	1	02/18/26 - Bowman served notice of possible reconsideration. 02/18/26 - Third reading. Carried by Dobson. Failed. Ayes, 28; Nays, 30--Boice, Boshart Davis, Bowman, Breese-Iverson, Bunch, Cate, Diehl, Edwards, Elmer, Harbick, Helfrich, Isadore, Levy B, Levy E, Lewis, Lively, Mannix, McIntire, Nguyen D, Osborne, Owens, Pham H, Reschke, Rieke Smith, Scharf, Skarlatos, Smith G, Wallan, Watanabe, Yunker; Excused, 2--Hartman, Wright. 02/18/26 - Potential conflict(s) of interest declared by Kropf, Sosa.	
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Relating to violations of the Insurance Code as unlawful trade practices.

Provides that a violation of prohibitions against certain practices with respect to insurance is subject to an enforcement action under the Unlawful Trade Practices Act.

Bill Sponsor: Rep Andersen; Rep Chaichi; Rep Chotzen; Rep Dobson; Rep Evans; Rep Fragala; Rep Gamba; Rep Grayber; Rep Hudson; Rep Javadi; Rep McDonald; Rep Sosa; Rep Tran; Rep Walters; Rep Wise; Sen Frederick; Sen Gelser Blouin; Sen Golden; Sen Jama; Sen Patterson; Sen Pham; Sen Prozanski (Presession filed)

3/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead

HB 4148	Oppose	1	03/06/26 - President signed. 03/06/26 - Speaker signed. 03/05/26 - Third reading. Carried by Weber. Passed. Ayes, 23; Nays, 6--Gelser Blouin, Girod, Hayden, Linthicum, McLane, Robinson; Excused, 1--Drazan.	
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Relating to local taxation; and prescribing an effective date.

Allows net local transient lodging tax revenue to be used for resiliency grants for small businesses in the restaurant and lodging industry.

Bill Sponsor: Rep Gamba; Rep Grayber; Rep Helm; Rep Javadi; Rep McDonald; Rep Walters; Sen Campos; Sen Frederick; Sen Manning Jr; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Weber (Presession filed)

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SB 1514	Support	1	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/02/26 - Referred to Commerce and General Government, then Housing and Development. 02/02/26 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to the regulation of public property with respect to persons experiencing homelessness; declaring an emergency. 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. Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Commerce and General Government) 2/17/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead				
SB 1541	Oppose	1	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/12/26 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 02/12/26 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)	
Relating to greenhouse gas emissions; prescribing an effective date. Establishes the Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program as an interagency response to the effects of climate change. Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire) 3/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead				
SB 1562	Oppose	1	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/02/26 - Referred to Finance and Revenue. 02/02/26 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.	
Relating to local taxation; prescribing an effective date. Allows city and county services for which net local transient lodging tax revenue may be used to be provided either directly by the city or county or indirectly by a special district. Bill Sponsor: Rep Bunch; Rep Chotzen; Rep Helm; Rep Javadi; Rep Levy B; Rep McDonald; Rep Owens; Rep Walters; Sen Campos; Sen Frederick; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Thatcher; Sen Weber (Presession filed) 3/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead				
SB 1586	Support	1	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/23/26 - Public Hearing held. 02/18/26 - Public Hearing held.	
Relating to economic development; prescribing an effective date. Modifies the tax credit allowed for semiconductor research. Bill Sponsor: Rep Breese-Iverson; Rep Bunch; Rep Dobson; Rep Edwards; Rep Evans; Rep Helfrich; Rep Isadore; Rep Javadi; Rep Levy B; Rep Lively; Rep McIntire; Rep Nguyen D; Rep Osborne; Rep Pham H; Rep Ruiz; Rep Wallan; Rep Watanabe; Sen Anderson; Sen Broadman; Sen Frederick; Sen Jama; Sen McLane; Sen Meek; Sen Nash; Sen Reynolds; Sen Smith DB; Sen Sollman; Sen Starr; Sen Thatcher; Sen Weber (Presession filed) 3/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead				

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SB 1593	Support	1	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/23/26 - Referred to Rules by order of the President. 02/23/26 - Subsequent referral rescinded by order of the President.	
Relating to recreation; declaring an emergency. Provides that an operator may require a person who engages in a sport, fitness or recreational activity in various ways to release the operator from claims for ordinary negligence. Bill Sponsor: Rep Breese-Iverson; Rep Evans; Rep Gamba; Rep Gomberg; Rep Hartman; Rep Helfrich; Rep Levy E; Rep Lively; Rep McLain; Rep Nguyen D; Rep Pham H; Rep Wallan; Rep Watanabe; Sen Anderson; Sen Drazan; Sen Golden; Sen Lieber; Sen Meek; Sen Reynolds; Sen Smith DB; Sen Sollman (Presession filed) 3/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead				

Bill Number	Position	Priority	Last Three Actions	Next Hearing Date
HB 4014	Oppose	2	03/06/26 - At Desk upon adjournment. 03/06/26 - Second reading. 03/06/26 - Recommendation: Do pass the A-Eng. bill.	
Relating to state finance; declaring an emergency. Establishes the Task Force on Taxation of International Income. Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Revenue for Representative Nancy Nathanson) 3/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead				

HB 4027	Oppose	2	03/06/26 - President signed. 03/05/26 - Speaker signed. 03/04/26 - Third reading. Carried by Taylor. Passed. Ayes, 18; Nays, 12--Anderson, Drazan, Girod, Hayden, Linthicum, McLane, Nash, Robinson, Smith DB, Starr, Thatcher, Weber.	
Relating to the Bureau of Labor and Industries; and prescribing an effective date. Amends the Workers' Benefit Fund assessment statute to direct the Department of Consumer and Business Services to set an additional assessment rate in order to deposit in a new BOLI Expenses Fund at least the greater of a minimum dollar amount or 12 months of projected expenses to fund the duties of the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, subject to a cap on the costs of new positions, to reimburse certain related expenses of the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services and to create and maintain a 12-month reserve in the new fund. Bill Sponsor: Rep Andersen; Rep Chaichi; Rep Fragala; Rep Gamba; Rep Grayber; Rep Isadore; Rep Lively; Rep Munoz; Rep Nelson; Rep Pham H; Rep Rieke Smith; Rep Sosa; Rep Tran; Rep Watanabe; Sen Patterson; Sen Taylor (Presession filed)				

HB 4061	Watch	2	03/10/26 - President signed. 03/10/26 - Speaker signed. 03/06/26 - Third reading. Carried by McLane. Passed. Ayes, 27; Nays, 2--Linthicum, Robinson; Excused, 1--Hayden.	
Relating to a unified trade strategy for Oregon; and declaring an emergency. Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to set up a program for micro-enterprise tariff adjustment grants to small businesses for costs increased by federal tariffs. Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade for Representative Daniel Nguyen)				

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HB 4073	Support	2	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/10/26 - Public Hearing held. 02/02/26 - Referred to Rules with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.	
Relating to administrative law. Modifies provisions relating to administrative law. Bill Sponsor: Rep Scharf; Rep Wallan; Sen Drazan (Presession filed) 3/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead				
HB 4084	Support	2	03/10/26 - President signed. 03/10/26 - Speaker signed. 03/06/26 - Vote explanation(s) filed by Sollman.	
Relating to economic development; and prescribing an effective date. Establishes the Joint Permitting Council. Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of Governor Tina Kotek for Office of the Governor)				
HB 4089	Oppose	2	03/10/26 - President signed. 03/10/26 - Speaker signed. 03/05/26 - Third reading. Carried by Neron Misslin. Passed. Ayes, 26; Nays, 2--Linthicum, Robinson; Excused, 2--Drazan, Hayden.	
Relating to criminal offenses related to work. Modifies the crime of theft of services to include partial payments. Bill Sponsor: Rep Andersen; Rep Bowman; Rep Chaichi; Rep Evans; Rep Fragala; Rep Gamba; Rep Hudson; Rep Isadore; Rep Javadi; Rep Kropf; Rep McDonald; Rep McLain; Rep Munoz; Rep Nathanson; Rep Nelson; Rep Rieke Smith; Rep Smith G; Rep Sosa; Rep Tran; Rep Watanabe; Rep Wise; Sen Campos; Sen Gelser Blouin; Sen Golden; Sen Jama; Sen Manning Jr; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Patterson; Sen Prozanski; Sen Sollman (Presession filed)				
HB 4094	Oppose	2	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/18/26 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of Speaker. 02/18/26 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Ways and Means.	
Relating to compensation for certain unused paid time off upon termination of employment; prescribing an effective date. Requires 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. Bill Sponsor: Rep Andersen; Rep Chaichi; Rep Chotzen; Rep Gamba; Rep Isadore; Rep Munoz; Rep Nelson; Rep Rieke Smith; Rep Sosa; Rep Tran; Rep Walters; Rep Wise; Sen Campos; Sen Frederick; Sen Gorsek; Sen Manning Jr; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Patterson (Presession filed) 3/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead				

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HB 4102	Support	2	03/05/26 - President signed. 03/04/26 - Speaker signed. 03/02/26 - Vote explanation(s) filed by Pham.	
Relating to Department of Environmental Quality regulatory processes; and prescribing an effective date. Modifies the authority of the Department of Environmental Quality to enter into agreements with regulated entities to expedite or enhance a regulatory process. Bill Sponsor: Rep Dobson; Rep Evans; Rep Fragala; Rep Gomberg; Rep Hartman; Rep Isadore; Rep Javadi; Rep Levy B; Rep Levy E; Rep Lively; Rep McLain; Rep Nguyen D; Rep Owens; Rep Pham H; Rep Rieke Smith; Rep Walters; Rep Watanabe; Sen Lieber; Sen Meek; Sen Reynolds; Sen Smith DB; Sen Sollman (Presession filed)				
HB 4111	Watch	2	03/06/26 - President signed. 03/06/26 - Speaker signed. 03/05/26 - Third reading. Carried by Broadman, Prozanski. Passed. Ayes, 20; Nays, 9--Girod, Hayden, Linthicum, Nash, Robinson, Smith DB, Starr, Thatcher, Weber; Excused, 1--Drazan.	
Relating to immigration-related practices; and prescribing an effective date. Provides that evidence of a party's or a witness's immigration status is not admissible as evidence in a civil proceeding. Bill Sponsor: Rep Andersen; Rep Bowman; Rep Chaichi; Rep Chotzen; Rep Evans; Rep Fragala; Rep Gamba; Rep Grayber; Rep Helm; Rep Hudson; Rep Isadore; Rep Javadi; Rep Kropf; Rep Marsh; Rep McDonald; Rep McLain; Rep Munoz; Rep Nathanson; Rep Nelson; Rep Nguyen D; Rep Nosse; Rep Pham H; Rep Rieke Smith; Rep Sosa; Rep Tran; Rep Walters; Rep Watanabe; Rep Wise; Sen Broadman; Sen Campos; Sen Frederick; Sen Gelser Blouin; Sen Golden; Sen Gorsek; Sen Jama; Sen Meek; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Patterson; Sen Pham; Sen Prozanski; Sen Reynolds; Sen Sollman (Presession filed)				
HB 4119	Oppose	2	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/02/26 - Referred to Health Care. 02/02/26 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to workers' compensation. Requires for the certification of a managed care provider plan that the plan not discriminate against any willing provider within the geographical service area of the managed care organization. Bill Sponsor: Rep Munoz (Presession filed) 2/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead				
HB 4125	Oppose	2	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/02/26 - Public Hearing held. 02/02/26 - Referred to Revenue with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.	
Relating to revenue estimates; prescribing an effective date. Prescribes methodology for the preparation of revenue estimates used in the budgeting process and as applicable to the surplus revenue refund process. Bill Sponsor: Rep Andersen; Rep Chotzen; Rep Fragala; Rep Gamba; Rep Hudson; Rep Javadi; Rep Marsh; Rep McDonald; Rep Munoz; Rep Nelson; Rep Nosse; Rep Tran; Rep Walters; Rep Wise; Sen Frederick; Sen Golden; Sen Gorsek; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Pham; Sen Sollman (Presession filed) 3/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead				

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HB 4134	Oppose	2	03/06/26 - President signed. 03/05/26 - Speaker signed. 03/04/26 - Vote explanation(s) filed by Sollman.	
Relating to funding for natural resource matters; prescribing an effective date; and providing for revenue raising that requires approval by a three-fifths majority. Increases the state transient lodging tax. Bill Sponsor: Rep Andersen; Rep Chaichi; Rep Chotzen; Rep Fragala; Rep Gamba; Rep Grayber; Rep Helm; Rep Javadi; Rep Levy B; Rep Marsh; Rep McDonald; Rep McLain; Rep Munoz; Rep Nelson; Rep Nosse; Rep Owens; Rep Pham H; Rep Rieke Smith; Rep Tran; Rep Walters; Rep Wise; Sen Campos; Sen Frederick; Sen Gelser Blouin; Sen Golden; Sen Gorsek; Sen Jama; Sen Nash; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Patterson; Sen Pham; Sen Prozanski; Sen Sollman; Sen Weber (Presession filed)				
HB 4136	Oppose	2	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/16/26 - Public Hearing held. 02/02/26 - Referred to Revenue.	
Relating to tax treatment of mortgage interest; prescribing an effective date. Disallows, for purposes of personal income taxation, a mortgage interest deduction for a residence other than the taxpayer's principal residence, unless the taxpayer sells the residence or actively markets the residence for sale. Bill Sponsor: Rep Andersen; Rep Chaichi; Rep Chotzen; Rep Gamba; Rep Hartman; Rep Helm; Rep Hudson; Rep Lively; Rep McLain; Rep Munoz; Rep Nosse; Rep Wise; Sen Frederick; Sen Gelser Blouin; Sen Golden; Sen Manning Jr; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Patterson; Sen Pham; Sen Prozanski; Sen Sollman (Presession filed) 3/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead				
HB 4147	Oppose	2	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 03/04/26 - Public Hearing and Work Session held. 03/04/26 - Referred to Rules.	
Relating to medical assistance; prescribing an effective date. Requires the Oregon Health Authority to collaborate with the Department of Human Services and the Employment Department to submit an annual report that provides information about employers that employ 500 or more employees in this state and have employees who are medical assistance recipients. Bill Sponsor: Rep Andersen; Rep Bowman; Rep Evans; Rep Fragala; Rep Gamba; Rep Grayber; Rep Nathanson; Rep Nelson; Rep Nosse; Rep Rieke Smith; Rep Tran; Rep Walters; Rep Wise; Sen Campos; Sen Frederick; Sen Gelser Blouin; Sen Golden; Sen Meek; Sen Patterson; Sen Pham; Sen Reynolds; Sen Taylor (Presession filed) 3/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead				
HB 4153	Support	2	03/10/26 - President signed. 03/10/26 - Speaker signed. 03/06/26 - Third reading. Carried by Girod. Passed. Ayes, 21; Nays, 8--Golden, Jama, Neron Misslin, Patterson, Pham, Prozanski, Reynolds, Taylor; Excused, 1--Hayden.	
Relating to farm stores. Allows counties to approve farm stores as nonfarm use on lands zoned for farm use. Bill Sponsor: Rep Breese-Iverson; Rep Elmer; Rep Helfrich; Rep Levy B; Rep Levy E; Rep Owens; Rep Reschke; Rep Rieke Smith; Sen Anderson; Sen Broadman; Sen Girod; Sen Gorsek; Sen McLane; Sen Meek; Sen Nash; Sen Smith DB; Sen Sollman; Sen Weber (Presession filed)				

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HB 4178	Support	2	03/10/26 - President signed. 03/10/26 - Speaker signed. 03/05/26 - Third reading. Carried by Starr. Passed. Ayes, 26; Nays, 2--Meek, Taylor; Excused, 2--Drazan, Hayden.	
Relating to rounding procedures in transactions; and declaring an emergency. 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. Bill Sponsor: Rules (H)				
SB 1505	Oppose	2	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/04/26 - Public Hearing held. 02/02/26 - Referred to Rules.	
Relating to the Home and Community-Based Services Workforce Standards Board. Establishes the Home and Community-Based Services Workforce Standards Board. Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Rules and Executive Appointments for Senator Kayse Jama) 3/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead				
SB 1507	Oppose	2	03/04/26 - Speaker signed. 02/27/26 - President signed. 02/25/26 - Passed. Ayes, 34; Nays, 21--Boice, Breese-Iverson, Bunch, Cate, Diehl, Edwards, Elmer, Harbick, Helfrich, Levy B, Lewis, Mannix, McIntire, Osborne, Owens, Reschke, Skarlatos, Smith G, Wallan, Wright, Yunker; Excused, 4--Hartman, Lively, Scharf, Valderrama; Excused for Business of the House, 1--Boshart Davis.	
Relating to revenue; and prescribing an effective date. Updates the connection date to the federal Internal Revenue Code and other provisions of federal tax law. Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Finance and Revenue)				
SB 1510	Support	2	03/05/26 - Speaker signed. 03/05/26 - President signed. 03/04/26 - Third reading. Carried by Nathanson. Passed. Ayes, 52; Excused, 4--Hartman, Javadi, Levy B, Valderrama; Excused for Business of the House, 4--Chaichi, Chotzen, Diehl, Owens.	
Relating to taxation; and prescribing an effective date. Updates the terminology used to describe certain income earned by multinational corporations to reflect a change in the term used in federal law. Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Finance and Revenue)				
SB 1511	Oppose	2	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 03/02/26 - Public Hearing held. 03/02/26 - Informational Meeting held.	
Relating to the estate tax; prescribing an effective date. Converts the \$1 million exclusion for an estate subject to tax to a deduction of \$2.5 million Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Finance and Revenue)				

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3/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead

SB 1517	Support	2	03/10/26 - Speaker signed. 03/10/26 - President signed. 03/06/26 - Senate concurred in House amendments and repassed bill. Ayes, 29; Excused, 1--Hayden.
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Relating to civil litigation; and declaring an emergency.

Provides that an operator may require a participant in a sport, fitness or recreational activity to release the operator for claims for ordinary negligence under certain circumstances.

Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Judiciary)

SB 1566	Support	2	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/09/26 - Public Hearing held. 02/02/26 - Referred to Labor and Business.
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Relating to the prevailing rate of wage; prescribing an effective date.

Exempts certain projects for public works, primarily related to affordable housing, from the requirement to pay a prevailing rate of wage.

Bill Sponsor: Rep Breese-Iverson; Sen Anderson; Sen Smith DB (Presession filed)

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SJR 201	Oppose	2	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/18/26 - Public Hearing held. 02/02/26 - Referred to Finance and Revenue, then Rules.
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Proposing an amendment to the Oregon Constitution relating to surplus revenue.

Proposes an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to require a portion of surplus revenue that would otherwise be returned to personal income taxpayers to be used for funding public kindergarten through grade 12 education, community colleges and wildfire prevention and suppression, if surplus revenue exceeds a certain threshold.

Bill Sponsor: Rep Chotzen; Rep McDonald; Sen Frederick; Sen Manning Jr; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Pham; Sen Prozanski (Presession filed)

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HB 4015	Watch	3	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/02/26 - Referred to Revenue. 02/02/26 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.
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Relating to connection to federal tax law; prescribing an effective date.

Updates the connection date to the federal Internal Revenue Code and other provisions of federal tax law.

Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Revenue for Representative Nancy Nathanson)

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HB 4016	Watch	3	03/10/26 - President signed. 03/10/26 - Speaker signed. 03/06/26 - Third reading. Carried by Frederick. Passed. Ayes, 18; Nays, 11--Anderson, Drazan, Girod, Linthicum, McLane, Nash, Robinson, Smith DB, Starr, Thatcher, Weber; Excused, 1-- Hayden.	

Relating to tax compliance; and prescribing an effective date.

Requires public contractors to demonstrate and maintain tax compliance, through a certification process, as a condition of the execution of a public contract.

Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Revenue for Representative Nancy Nathanson)

HB 4023	Watch	3	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/02/26 - Referred to Transportation. 02/02/26 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
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Relating to mass transit districts initiated by resolution; prescribing an effective date.

Restores the restrictions on methods of financing for certain mass transit districts.

Bill Sponsor: Rep Diehl; Rep Mannix; Sen Manning Jr (Presession filed)

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HB 4086	Watch	3	03/10/26 - President signed. 03/10/26 - Speaker signed. 03/06/26 - Vote explanation(s) filed by Sollman.	
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Relating to economic development; and prescribing an effective date.

Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to develop a roadmap for the purpose of promoting industrial symbiosis activities in Oregon.

Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade for Representative Daniel Nguyen)

HB 4093	Watch	3	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/13/26 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 02/13/26 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.	
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Relating to protections for persons with disabilities.

Directs the Bureau of Labor and Industries to create certain guidance and informational materials to assist employers and employees.

Bill Sponsor: Rep Andersen; Rep Chaichi; Rep Chotzen; Rep Isadore; Rep McDonald; Rep Munoz; Rep Nelson; Rep Rieke Smith; Rep Walters; Rep Wise; Sen Frederick; Sen Gelser Blouin; Sen Gorsek; Sen Manning Jr; Sen Patterson (Presession filed)

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HB 4128	Watch	3	03/06/26 - President signed. 03/05/26 - Speaker signed. 03/04/26 - House concurred in Senate amendments and repassed bill. Ayes, 38; Nays, 18--Boice, Boshart Davis, Breese-Iverson, Cate, Diehl, Edwards, Elmer, Harbick, Helfrich, Lewis, McIntire, Osborne, Reschke, Scharf, Smith G, Wallan, Wright, Yunker; Excused, 3--Hartman, Levy B, Valderrama; Excused for Business of the House, 1--Levy E.	

Relating to sale of single-family residences.

Prohibits covered entities from purchasing, acquiring or offering to purchase or acquire a single-family residence unless the residence has been listed for sale to the general public for at least 90 days.

Bill Sponsor: Rep Andersen; Rep Bowman; Rep Chotzen; Rep Fragala; Rep Gamba; Rep Gomberg; Rep Grayber; Rep Helm; Rep Hudson; Rep Isadore; Rep Javadi; Rep Munoz; Rep Nathanson; Rep Nosse; Rep Pham H; Rep Rieke Smith; Rep Sosa; Rep Tran; Rep Watanabe; Rep Wise; Sen Campos; Sen Frederick; Sen Manning Jr; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Patterson; Sen Pham; Sen Reynolds (Presession filed)

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HB 4049	Not Reviewed	No Priority	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/17/26 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of Speaker. 02/17/26 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Ways and Means.	

Relating to Harney Basin water; prescribing an effective date.

Authorizes the Water Resources Commission to encourage and approve voluntary agreements between ground water users in the Greater Harney Valley Groundwater Area of Concern to achieve reasonably stable ground water levels.

Bill Sponsor: Rep Andersen; Rep Boice; Rep Hartman; Rep Helm; Rep Levy B; Rep McDonald; Rep Owens; Sen McLane; Sen Nash (Presession filed)

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HB 4150	Not Reviewed	No Priority	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/05/26 - Public Hearing held. 02/02/26 - Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection.	
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Relating to recipients of public funds; declaring an emergency.

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.

Bill Sponsor: Rep Andersen; Rep Chaichi; Rep Evans; Rep Fragala; Rep Gamba; Rep Gomberg; Rep McDonald; Rep Munoz; Rep Nelson; Rep Nguyen D; Rep Rieke Smith; Rep Wise; Sen Broadman; Sen Campos; Sen Frederick; Sen Gelser Blouin; Sen Jama; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Pham; Sen Prozanski (Presession filed)

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HB 4167	Not Reviewed	No Priority	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/05/26 - Referred to Rules. 02/05/26 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
Relating to environmental regulation. Requires the Department of Environmental Quality to study environmental regulation. Bill Sponsor: Rules (H) 3/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead				
SB 1506	Not Reviewed	No Priority	03/06/26 - In committee upon adjournment. 02/12/26 - Referred to Ways and Means by order of the President. 02/12/26 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)	
Relating to the Bureau of Labor and Industries; prescribing an effective date. Amends the Workers' Benefit Fund assessment statute to direct the Department of Consumer and Business Services to set an additional assessment rate in order to deposit in a new BOLI Expenses Fund at least the greater of a minimum dollar amount to fund certain positions at the Bureau of Labor and Industries or 12 months of projected expenses for this purpose. Bill Sponsor: Sen Taylor (Presession filed) 3/10/2026 - Alicia Givens - Dead				
SB 1518	Not Reviewed	No Priority	03/04/26 - Effective date, January 1, 2027. 03/04/26 - Chapter 2, 2026 Laws. 03/03/26 - Governor signed.	
Relating to worker protections. Clarifies the meaning of "companionship services" for purposes of minimum wage and overtime requirements for certain individuals performing such services. Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Labor and Business)				
SB 1519	Not Reviewed	No Priority	03/05/26 - Speaker signed. 03/05/26 - President signed. 03/03/26 - Third reading. Carried by Grayber. Passed. Ayes, 52; Excused, 2--Hartman, Valderrama; Excused for Business of the House, 6--Bunch, Diehl, Elmer, Osborne, Scharf, Yunker.	
Relating to total disability. Changes the formula for determining permanent and temporary total disability compensation. Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Labor and Business)				
SB 1520	Not Reviewed	No Priority	03/04/26 - Effective on the 91st day following adjournment sine die. 03/04/26 - Chapter 3, 2026 Laws. 03/03/26 - Governor signed.	
Relating to the administration of moneys within the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund; and prescribing an effective date. Authorizes the Director of the Employment Department to adopt rules establishing an accounting system for handling moneys in the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund. Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Labor and Business)				

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SB 1544	Not Reviewed	No Priority	03/06/26 - Speaker signed. 03/06/26 - President signed. 03/05/26 - Third reading. Carried by McLain. Passed. Ayes, 55; Excused, 3--Hartman, Levy B, Valderrama; Excused for Business of the House, 2--Edwards, Pham H.	

Relating to transportation; and prescribing an effective date.

Makes changes to laws regulating dismantlers.

Bill Sponsor: Presession filed (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Transportation)

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