



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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DESCHUTES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

8:00 AM

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

A virtual legislative update meeting was held on Friday, May 12, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform, for a weekly scheduled event during this 2023 Legislative Session.

Deschutes County Attendance:			
x	Commissioner Anthony DeBone	x	Nick Lelack, County Administrator
x	Commissioner Patti Adair	x	Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator
x	Commissioner Phil Chang		Whitney Hale, Deputy County Administrator
x	Dave Doyle, Legal Counsel		Kim Riley, Assistant Legal Counsel
	David Givans, Internal Auditor		Robert Tintle, Chief Financial Officer
x	Chris Doty, Road Department Director	x	Janice Garceau, Health Services Director
	Kristie Bollinger, Property Manager		Stephen Gunnels, District Attorney
x	Peter Gutowsky, Community Development Director	x	Kathleen Hinman, Human Resources Director
	Keith MacNamara, Veterans' Services Manager		Deevy Holcomb, Community Justice Director
	Lee Randall, Facilities Director	x	Kevin Moriarty, Forester
x	Chad Centola, Solid Waste Director		Tim Brownell, Incoming Solid Waste Director
	Shane Nelson, Sheriff	x	Sara Crosswhite, 9-1-1 Director
	Steve Dennison, Clerk	x	Cheyenne Purrington, Houseless Strategies and Solutions Director
	Geoff Hinds, Fair & Expo Director		Scot Langton, Assessor
	Charles Fadeley, Justice of the Peace	x	Tania Mahood, IT Director
x	Holly Harris, Health Services Deputy Director (Behavioral Health)		Will Groves, Planning Manager

x	Tom Kuhn, Public Health Program Manager		Heather Kaisner, Health Services Deputy Director (Public Health)
x	Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager		Bill Kuhn, Treasurer
x	Angie Powers, BOCC Administrative Assistant		
Others Present:			
x	Doug Riggs, NW Policy Advocates President	x	Andy Smith, Rep. Kropf's Office

1. Introductions

Commissioner DeBone called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioner Adair discussed **HB 2506** with dash 9 amendments. There is a proposed 42-bed Columbia Gorge Medical Center residential facility including 16 secure beds that relies on this legislation passing. Doug Riggs reported broad support from behavioral health providers for this bill, and it's currently in Ways & Means awaiting funding. Commissioner Adair said that Rick Treleaven, BestCare Treatment Services, recently reported losing seven clients in the past three months to overdose deaths, and they typically lose only one client per year. The cost of fentanyl pills is low, increasing accessibility. Mr. Lelack clarified that the dash 9 amendment gives counties authority to allow a residential home in an existing dwelling zoned for EFU and may impose zoning requirements.

Mr. Riggs added that largely due to staffing and workforce issues, there are nearly 50% fewer residential beds for youth substance abuse and mental health acute treatment than are needed. In addition, there are three to four facilities in the state that are at risk of closure. If there are no residential treatment facilities in a community, persons with substance abuse disorders and/or mental health crisis end up unsupervised on the streets.

Janice Garceau shared that there is also a dash 10 amendment to HB 2506, which further restricts locations for residential treatment programs, not allowing them in proximity to schools within a "children's safety zone".

ADAIR: Move Board support of HB 2506 with dash 9 amendment as priority 2
 CHANG: Second

VOTE: ADAIR: Yes
 CHANG: Yes
 DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

Commissioner Chang summarized a letter of support to the legislature for state lottery funding towards a Mosaic Medical campus. This would assist with expanding

Mosaic Medical's facilities for Public Health. Mr. Riggs said that this would likely be included in HB 2030, the lottery bond bill, at the end of the session. Responding to Commissioner DeBone, Mr. Riggs said he would respond to the Board with the specific dollar amount of the funding request. Commissioner Chang added that this is similar to the La Pine Community Health Center's funding request a couple of years ago. There was some discussion of whether the letter should also include language supporting the CDS request.

CHANG: Move Board support of letter requesting congressionally-directed spending, with some language adjustments as specified

ADAIR: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes

ADAIR: Yes

DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

2. Updates from NW Policy Advocates

Mr. Riggs provided a brief update. Many of the smaller agency budgets are being passed through Ways and Means. Republicans have walked out of the session mainly in protest to provisions in **HB 2002** relating to parental consent for minors under the age of 15. They entered day 9 of the walkout on Thursday, May 11. Under ballot measure 113, those with 10 unexcused absences are prohibited from running for reelection. The Senate suspended floor sessions to prevent anyone from reaching 10 absences.

The revenue forecast comes out on Wednesday, May 17. The House Republicans did not walk out, so they have been busy. The ADU bill, **SB 644**, was signed into law by the Governor.

There was some discussion of land use **HB 3277**, and if it is an appropriate vehicle for amending RV siting and shelter issues.

3. Department Updates on Priority Bills

Mr. Lelack presented **HB 3277** for discussion. Mr. Riggs stated that HB 3277 is a placeholder bill that relates to studies of homelessness, and could be a vehicle for addressing homelessness. Commissioner DeBone asked for clarification on the content of this bill prior to supporting or opposing, as being a possible container to accomplish goals related to homelessness.

Commissioner Chang expressed support of placeholder bills that can align with the County's policy goal of allowing emergency shelter siting outside the UGB.

ADAIR: Move Board support of HB 3277 as priority 2.

DEBONE: Second

VOTE: ADAIR: Yes
CHANG: No
DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

Commissioner Chang left the meeting at 8:31 a.m.

SB 673 is the bill which would allow manufactured homes and recreational vehicles as shelter siting outside the UGB. Commissioner Adair shared that Rep. Levy pledged to assist her on this project in the next legislative session.

SB 643 was highlighted by Tom Kuhn, Program Manager Public Health. It would allow for certain foods to be prepared in uninspected home kitchens and sold directly to consumers. These foods would not be allowed to be served or sold in establishments such as schools, daycares, hospitals, nursing homes or restaurants. Senator Knopp is the sponsor for this bill. An amendment with two simple language changes has been proposed:

- Coffee shops would be removed from the list of authorized retailers, so would not be allowed to sell/serve these foods.
- Home kitchens would be required to obtain an ID number from the USDA for tracking in the event of food-borne illness.

Mr. Kuhn asked the Board to support this bill with amendment only. There is a work session on Tuesday, May 16. Mr. Kuhn will draft a brief letter, and Commissioners DeBone and Adair agreed to support SB 643 with amendments. Commissioner Adair will email the letter of support to Sen. Knopp prior to May 16.

4. Other Items

- Commissioner Adair attended the water managers' meeting yesterday. There was positive news in that moisture to-date is at 95% of normal. She asked Mr. Riggs about the status of the drought package. Mr. Riggs said that the drought package is a \$180 million package (50% bonding; 50% general fund). Ways & Means said that the general fund request must be reduced by approximately 80%.
- Chris Doty, Director Road Department, provided an update on **HB 2101**, the fund exchange bill with dash 4 amendments. It passed out of the Joint Committee on Transportation unanimously, and is bypassing Ways & Means (due to reallocation of funding; not new revenue). It moves to the House Floor as soon as next week.

Next Meeting: The next virtual legislative update meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjourn: Commissioner DeBone adjourned the meeting at 8:44 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Angie Powers, BOCC Administrative Assistant