

DESCHUTES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Thursday, February 5, 2026, 8:00 am

This meeting will be held virtually.
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- 1. Welcome** -Chair Chang
- 2. Commissioner Updates**
- 3. Updates from NW Policy Advocates** - Doug Riggs
- 4. Review Bill Tracker Report* by Department**

**the Bill Tracker Report will be added to the online meeting materials on Wednesday, Feb. 4th*



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Administration

Bill Number	Priority	Position	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee
HB 4130	2	No Position	Rep Boshart Davis; Rep Reschke (Presession filed)	3:00PM 02/04/2026 House Committee Revenue Public Hearing HR A	Revenue (H)
Clarifies the meaning of "preparing" products or by-products raised for human or animal use on a farm unit for purposes of the definition of "farm use.					
2/2026 - N/A					
HB 4153	2	No Position	Rep Breese-Iverson; Rep Elmer; Rep Levy E; Rep Owens; Rep Reschke; Sen Anderson; Sen Broadman; Sen Girod; Sen McLane; Sen Nash; Sen Smith DB; Sen Sollman (Presession filed)	1:00PM 02/04/2026 House Committee Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water Public Hearing HR 70	Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water (H)
Allows counties to approve farm stores, instead of farm stands, as nonfarm use on lands zoned for farm use.					
2/2026 - N/A					



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Board of Commissioners

Bill Number	Priority	Position	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee
HB 4121	1	No Position	Rep Chaichi; Rep Evans; Rep Gamba; Rep Gomberg; Rep Javadi; Rep Nelson; Rep Pham H; Rep Rieke Smith (Presession filed)	1:00PM 02/05/2026 House Committee Emergency Management and Veterans Public Hearing and Work Session HR B	Emergency Management and Veterans (H)
Creates statewide emergency preparedness offices and authorities to coordinate emergency management.					
2/2/2026 - N/A					
SB 1593	2	No Position	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 Lieber; Sen Meek; Sen Reynolds; Sen Smith DB; Sen Sollman (Presession filed)		Commerce and General Government (S)
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.					
2/2/2026 - N/A					



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Community Development

Bill Number	Priority	Position	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee
SB 1551	2	Neutral	Rep Fragala; Rep McDonald; Sen Broadman; Sen Gelser Blouin; Sen Golden; Sen Pham; Sen Prozanski (Presession filed)		Natural Resources and Wildfire (S)
				Invalidates deed restrictions and planned community governing documents prohibiting the removal of nonfire-hardened building materials or installation of fire-hardened building materials on residential properties.	
				2/4/2026 - Invalidates deed restrictions and planned community governing documents prohibiting the removal of nonfire-hardened building materials or installation of fire-hardened building materials on residential properties. Limits a homeowners association's ability to enforce regulations that would constrain installation of fire-hardened building materials. Applies to new and existing deed restrictions and planned communities.	
SB 1561	2	Neutral	Rep Edwards; Rep Hartman; Rep Helfrich; Rep Javadi; Rep Levy B; Rep Mannix; Rep McDonald; Rep Owens; Rep Wright; Sen Drazan; Sen Frederick; Sen Smith DB; Sen Thatcher; Sen Weber (Presession filed)	3:00PM 02/10/2026 Senate Committee Housing and Development Public Hearing HR E	Housing and Development (S)
				Requires local governments to approve restoration or replacement of dwellings rendered uninhabitable under an alternative process that is not a land use decision.	
				2/4/2026 - Replacement dwelling damaged or destroyed by natural or involuntary causes; not a land use decision. Required to comply with applicable building codes that were in effect on the latter of 2008 or date of the former dwelling construction.	
SB 1578	1	Neutral	Rep Evans; Rep Javadi; Rep Levy B; Rep McDonald; Rep Owens; Rep Skarlatos; Rep Smith G; Sen Frederick; Sen Nash; Sen Smith DB; Sen Weber (Presession filed)	3:00PM 02/10/2026 Senate Committee Housing and Development Public Hearing HR E	Housing and Development (S)
				Allows counties with a population density of less than 30 people per square mile to rezone up to 50 acres to be divided and developed for residential dwellings of at least five units per acre.	
				2/4/2026 - Relating to rural residential development. Section 2 pertains to sparsely developed counties. Sections 4 and 5, however amend ADU law. Allows ADUs on nonfarm dwellings; and raises the minimum usable floor area to 2,500 square feet for ADUs in EFU and Rural Residential Exception Areas.	



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District Attorney

Bill Number	Priority	Position	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee
HB 4148	2	Watch	Rep Bunch; Rep Gamba; Rep Grayber; Rep Helm; Rep Javadi; Rep McDonald; Rep Walters; Sen Campos; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Weber (Presession filed)		Revenue (H)

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.

2/2/2026 - Allows local transient lodging tax money to be used for city or county services provided by a special district in lieu of the city or county. The Act would change the split of tax uses from at least 70 percent for tourism and no more than 30 percent for local services to at least 40 percent and no more than 60 percent. The Act would let local governments with grandfathered tax laws use the new provisions of the Act.



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Finance

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HB 4148	2	No Position	Rep Bunch; Rep Gamba; Rep Grayber; Rep Helm; Rep Javadi; Rep McDonald; Rep Walters; Sen Campos; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Weber (Presession filed)		Revenue (H)
			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. 2/3/2026 - Similar to SB 1562. Expands on eligible expenditures of county services provided by a special district. Changes split from 70/30 to 40/60 (tourism/County). County MAY change distribution but not required. County must submit report to state biennially. 2/2/2026 - Expands on eligible expenditures of county services provided by a special district. Changes split from 70/30 to 40/60 (tourism/County). County MAY change, but not required. County must submit report to state.		
SB 1562	2	No Position	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)		Finance and Revenue (S)
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Health Services: Behavioral Health

Bill Number	Priority	Position	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee
HB 4070	1	Support	Presession filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Behavioral Health for Representative Hai Pham)	1:00PM 02/05/2026 House Committee Behavioral Health Public Hearing HR 50	Behavioral Health (H)

Provides that a community mental health program is not responsible for the cost of emergency psychiatric care, custody and treatment when state funds provided to the community mental health program are exhausted.

2/3/2026 - This is supported by AOCMHP. We do not receive funding to pay for psychiatric care and this is a fix that is in alignment with legislative intent. Hospitals are not supportive.



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Health Services: Public Health

Bill Number	Priority	Position	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee
SB 1571	2	Support	Rep Hudson; Rep Isadore; Sen Jama; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Patterson; Sen Reynolds; Sen Sollman (Presession filed)		Judiciary (S)

Adds definition of "nicotine" and expands definition of "tobacco products".

2/4/2026 - Tobacco Laws definition update - Adds definition of "nicotine" and expands definition of "tobacco products" in Oregon Tobacco Laws. Requires any sale of tobacco products, cigarettes, inhalant delivery systems or smokeless tobacco products to occur in person at licensed premises. Helps keep youth from obtaining products such as flavored Zyn, oral nicotine pouches, nicotine lozenges, and other products containing nicotine.



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Information Technology

Bill Number	Priority	Position	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee
HB 4055	2	Oppose unless amended	Presession filed (at the request of Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology for Representative Nancy Nathanson)	8:00AM 02/06/2026 Joint Committee Information Management and Technology Public Hearing HR G	Information Management and Technology (J)

Requires a local government, local service district or special government body to notify and submit a report to the State Chief Information Officer within 48 hours of an information security incident or ransomware incident.

2/4/2026 - We respectfully oppose HB 4055 unless amended.

We support timely, secure coordination with the State during significant cyber incidents. However, HB 4055's current 48-hour "full report" mandate during active response, its broad re-disclosure authority, and the absence of objective thresholds will divert responders, increase risk, and conflict with well-established Oregon and federal frameworks.

What we request is modest and practical:

Replace the 48-hour "full report" with a 72-hour minimal notice containing only four fields: date/time, incident type, remediation status, and known IOCs—nothing more during the heat of response. This mirrors the federal direction under CIRCIA (72-hour initial report; 24-hour ransom-payment report) and follows NIST's phased incident-handling principles.

Add objective, measurable thresholds so we don't flood the State with low-value noise (e.g., =250 Oregon residents' personal information affected; =12-hour outage of essential services; material destructive malware on production systems; or loss exceeding \$50,000). The >250-resident threshold harmonizes with Oregon's existing breach-notice statute.

Tighten re-disclosure: allow sharing only with law enforcement, federally designated SLTT program (e.g., MS-ISAC, CISA), and a state SOC for defensive use under equal or stronger confidentiality; OCCoE may receive only de-identified research data. Use DHS's PCII program when sharing with CISA to ensure protection from public records laws and civil discovery.

Preserve Oregon Public Records Law protections for cybersecurity information (ORS 192.355(47)) and clarify that submitting a report does not waive privilege or work product.

These changes give the State actionable situational awareness without forcing premature root-cause narratives or exposing live vulnerabilities. They also align with Oregon's existing breach framework (45-day outer bound, AG threshold >250 residents, vendor notice in 10 days) and national standards.

We appreciate the bill's intent and would support HB 4055 with the amendments below.



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Road

Bill Number	Priority	Position	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee
SB 1542	2	Oppose	Presession filed (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Transportation)	5:00PM 02/09/2026 Senate Committee Transportation Public Hearing and Possible Work Session HR E	Transportation (S)

Directs the Oregon Transportation Commission to create a 10-year capital investment plan.

2/3/2026 - One of the biggest, if not the biggest reason ODOT is in the position they are in is due to a legislature which has historically saddled the agency with a combination of well-intended but impractical requirements coupled with ideological hoops that are intended to produce an intended outcome – with little regard efficiency or cost. This bill is that in a nut-shell.

I do think ODOT would benefit from a 10-year CIP development process - not unlike what Deschutes County and most other local government have been doing for many years. That said, if ODOT is going to move forward in a meaningful way, they need to hire good leadership and the legislature needs to listen to that leadership. Not pile on more "great ideas" in the absence of leadership.



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Solid Waste

Bill Number	Priority	Position	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee
HB 4144	2	Support	Rep Andersen; Rep Chotzen; Rep Gamba; Rep Gomberg; Rep Helm; Rep Isadore; Rep Levy B; Rep Levy E; Rep Lively; Rep McDonald; Rep Nathanson; Rep Nelson; Rep Pham H; Rep Rieke Smith; Sen Broadman; Sen Frederick; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Patterson; Sen Pham; Sen Prozanski; Sen Reynolds; Sen Sollman (Presession filed)	8:00AM 02/05/2026 House Committee Climate, Energy, and Environment Public Hearing HR 30	Climate, Energy, and Environment (H)

Requires producers of batteries or battery-containing products to join a battery producer responsibility organization and implement a battery producer responsibility program for the collection and recycling of batteries.

2/3/2026 - Solid Waste department staff has been involved in the development of this legislation and supports it as written.