

# DESCHUTES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Thursday, February 19, 2026, 8:00 am

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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. 18th*



# Deschutes County 2026 Legislature Report

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## Administration

Bill Number	Position	Priority	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
<a href="#">HB 4130</a>	Support	2	Rep Boshart Davis; Rep Levy B; Rep McLain; Rep Pham H; Rep Reschke (Presession filed)		Revenue (H)	Reviewed

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.

2/2/2026 - Jen Patterson - N/A

<a href="#">SB 1517</a>	Oppose	2	Presession filed (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Judiciary)		Judiciary (S)	Reviewed
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Modifies provisions relating to liability related to skiing.

2/9/2026 - Jen Patterson - From Mt. Bachelor: Please know that the broad Protect Oregon Recreation coalition that's working together to advance this effort is united in strong opposition to SB 1517 and frankly any legislation that attempts to pick winners and losers within the broader recreation and health and fitness industry.

PNSAA/NSAA (regional/national ski areas associations) are also in strong opposition to ski-only waiver legislation. Senator Prozanski has known this for a long time but had the bill drafted anyway. It was drafted by OTLA.

SB 1517 is not just ski-only but filled with poison pills for the ski industry. No state does this and it would be a terrible precedent to set. Our attorneys believe that current law in Oregon would be better than this bill. Detailed testimony will be provided on the record as to why.

This bill is also bad for non ski area interests for at least three reasons:

- 1) It doesn't do anything to help non ski-area recreational providers.
- 2) It won't do anything to settle the recreational insurance market.
- 3) It stands to actually make things worse for non-ski area interests with insurers forced to conclude that the Oregon Legislature has no interest in helping them. Which makes it worse for economic interests who support and benefit from the ski industry, not to mention the recreational users themselves, which is ultimately what matters most.



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## Board of Commissioners

Bill Number	Position	Priority	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
<a href="#">HB 4121</a>	Support	1	Rep Andersen; Rep Chaichi; Rep Evans; Rep Gamba; Rep Gomberg; Rep Javadi; Rep Nelson; Rep Pham H; Rep Rieke Smith (Pre-session filed)		Ways and Means (J)	Reviewed

Creates statewide emergency preparedness offices and authorities to coordinate emergency management.

2/2/2026 - Jen Patterson - N/A

<a href="#">HB 4134</a>	Support	2	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 Frederick; Sen Gelsner Blouin; Sen Golden; Sen Gorsek; Sen Jama; Sen Nash; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Pham; Sen Prozanski; Sen Weber (Pre-session filed)	11:00AM 02/19/2026 Third Reading House Floor		Reviewed
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Increases the state transient lodging tax.

<a href="#">SB 1593</a>	Support	2	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 (Pre-session filed)		Commerce and General Government (S)	Reviewed
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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.



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2/2/2026 - Jen Patterson - N/A						
<a href="#">SB 5701</a>	Support	2	Ways and Means (J)		Ways and Means (J)	Reviewed
Modifies previously approved lottery bonding provisions.						
2/12/2026 - Jen Patterson - BOCC agreed to write a letter of support for Terrebonne Sanitary District submitting a \$4 million grant for the Terrebonne STEP Wastewater Collection System, addressing failing septic systems and enabling new housing and commercial development in the community.						



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## Community Development

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<a href="#">HB 4082</a>	Neutral as amended	2	Pre-session filed (at the request of Governor Tina Kotek for Office of the Governor)			
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Adds to a temporary UGB addition program an option for each city or Metro to also add to its urban growth boundary a site for manufactured dwellings, prefabricated structures or manufactured dwelling parks, or for housing that is predominantly for older persons and affordable for households with incomes not more than 120 percent of area median income.

2/9/2026 - Peter Gutowsky - Adds to a temporary UGB addition program an option for each city or Metro to also add to its urban growth boundary a site for manufactured dwelling parks, or for housing for older persons, that is affordable for households with incomes not more than 120 percent of area median income.

<a href="#">HB 4153</a>	Watch	2	Rep Breese-Iverson; Rep Elmer; Rep Levy B; Rep Levy E; Rep Nelson; Rep Owens; Rep Reschke; Rep Rieke Smith; Sen Anderson; Sen Broadman; Sen Girod; Sen McLane; Sen Nash; Sen Smith DB; Sen Sollman (Pre-session filed)		Ways and Means (J)	Reviewed
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Allows counties to approve farm stores as nonfarm use on lands zoned for farm use.

2/5/2026 - Peter Gutowsky - (Dash 2 – Amendments) Section 2, Subsection 7 do not make reference to fire and life safety.

<a href="#">SB 1551</a>	Watch	1	Rep Fragala; Rep McDonald; Sen Broadman; Sen Gelser Blouin; Sen Golden; Sen Pham; Sen Prozanski (Pre-session filed)	11:00AM 02/18/2026 Third Reading Senate Floor		Reviewed
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Invalidates deed restrictions and planned community governing documents prohibiting the replacement of nonfire-hardened building materials or installation of fire-hardened building materials on residential properties.

2/4/2026 - Peter Gutowsky - 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.



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Bill Number	Position	Priority	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
<a href="#">SB 1561</a>	Neutral	2	Rep Edwards; Rep Hartman; Rep Helfrich; Rep Javadi; Rep Levy B; Rep Mannix; Rep McDonald; Rep Owens; Rep Wright; Sen Drazan; Sen Frederick; Sen Patterson; Sen Smith DB; Sen Thatcher; Sen Weber (Presession filed)	11:00AM 02/19/2026 Third Reading Senate Floor		Reviewed
<p>Requires local governments to approve restoration or replacement of dwellings rendered uninhabitable under an alternative process that is not a land use decision.</p> <p>2/4/2026 - Peter Gutowsky - 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.</p>						



## Deschutes County 2026 Legislature Report

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### District Attorney

Bill Number	Position	Priority	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
<a href="#">HB 4148</a>	Watch	2	Rep Gamba; Rep Grayber; Rep Helm; Rep Javadi; Rep McDonald; Rep Walters; Sen Campos; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Weber (Pre-session filed)	3:00PM 02/18/2026 House Committee Revenue Work Session HR A	Revenue (H)	Reviewed

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 - Stephen Gunnels - 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

Bill Number	Position	Priority	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
<a href="#">HB 4148</a>	Watch	2	Rep Gamba; Rep Grayber; Rep Helm; Rep Javadi; Rep McDonald; Rep Walters; Sen Campos; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Weber (Presession filed)	3:00PM 02/18/2026 House Committee Revenue Work Session HR A	Revenue (H)	Reviewed

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 - Robert Tintle - 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 - Jen Patterson - 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.

<a href="#">HB 4178</a>	Support	2	Rules (H)	8:00AM 02/19/2026 House Committee Rules Public Hearing and Possible Work Session HR 50	Rules (H)	
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Allows a place 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.

2/18/2026 - Robert Tintle - Just raising this for awareness Countywide. Allows a place 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. Regardless of the outcome of this bill, the County will need to adopt a rounding policy. However, this bill provides excellent guidance for a policy and would consistent statewide.

<a href="#">SB 1562</a>	Watch	2	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)	Reviewed
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## Finance

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<i>(tourism/County). County MAY change, but not required. County must submit report to state.</i>						
SB 1569	Oppose	2	Rep Evans; Rep Grayber; Rep Munoz; Rep Nelson; Rep Nosse; Rep Ruiz; Rep Smith G; Rep Wise; Sen Gelser Blouin; Sen Gorsek; Sen Manning Jr (Pre-session filed)		Ways and Means (J)	Reviewed

Provides that certain members of the Public Employees Retirement System qualify as police officers under the system.

2/10/2026 - Robert Tintle - Association of Counties and League of Oregon Cities testified in opposition due to the costs of implementation, ongoing budget challenges, and continuing increases in overall PERS rates. There were several state and local government employees testifying in support of the bill.

For Deschutes, the PERS costs for the proposed positions would increase from 29.14% (OPSRP General) to 34.41% (OPSRP P&F) charged against payroll.



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## Health Services: Behavioral Health

Bill Number	Position	Priority	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
HB 4070	Support	1	Pre-session filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Behavioral Health for Representative Hai Pham)	10:00AM 02/18/2026 Third Reading House Floor		

Requires the Oregon Health Authority and coordinated care organizations to ensure that access to behavioral health treatment in the medical assistance program is comparable to access to medical and surgical treatment and that limitations are applied to behavioral health treatment no more stringently than to medical and surgical treatment.

2/3/2026 - Holly Harris - 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	Position	Priority	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
<a href="#">SB 1571</a>	Support	2	Rep Hudson; Rep Isadore; Sen Jama; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Patterson; Sen Reynolds; Sen Sollman (Presession filed)		Judiciary (S)	Reviewed

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

2/4/2026 - Thomas Kuhn - 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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## Human Resources

Bill Number	Position	Priority	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
SB 1569	Oppose	2	Rep Evans; Rep Grayber; Rep Munoz; Rep Nelson; Rep Nosse; Rep Ruiz; Rep Smith G; Rep Wise; Sen Gelser Blouin; Sen Gorsek; Sen Manning Jr (Pre-session filed)		Ways and Means (J)	Reviewed
<p>Provides that certain members of the Public Employees Retirement System qualify as police officers under the system.</p> <p>2/12/2026 - Susan DeJoode - Could affect approximately (17) positions with Deschutes County. For Deschutes, the PERS costs for the proposed positions would increase from 29.14% (OPSRP General) to 34.41% (OPSRP P&amp;F) charged against payroll.</p>						



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## Information Technology

Bill Number	Position	Priority	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
HB 4055	Oppose unless amended	2	Pre-session filed (at the request of Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology for Representative Nancy Nathanson)		Information Management and Technology (J)	Reviewed

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 - Tania Mahood - 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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### Solid Waste

Bill Number	Position	Priority	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
HB 4144	Support	2	Rep Andersen; Rep Chotzen; Rep Fragala; 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)		Ways and Means (J)	
<p>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.</p> <p>2/3/2026 - Tim Brownell - Solid Waste department staff has been involved in the development of this legislation and supports it as written.</p>						