

DESCHUTES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Thursday, March 5, 2026, 8:00 am

This meeting will be held virtually.
Members of the public may access the meeting
using this link: <https://bit.ly/3WDZYOx>

Or call (253) 205-0468
Webinar ID: 879 4809 6174
Passcode: 156736

- 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, March 4th*



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Administration

Bill Number	Priority	Position	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
HB 4130	2	Support	Rep Boshart Davis; Rep Levy B; Rep McLain; Rep Owens; Rep Pham H; Rep Reschke (Presession filed)			Reviewed
Allows property tax special assessment for land under processing facilities.						
SB 1517	2	Oppose	Presession filed (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Judiciary)	1:30PM 03/04/2026 House Committee Rules Work Session HR D	Rules (H)	Reviewed
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.						



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Board of Commissioners

Bill Number	Priority	Position	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
HB 4121	1	Support	Rep Andersen; Rep Chaichi; Rep Evans; Rep Gamba; Rep Gomberg; Rep Javadi; Rep Nelson; Rep Pham H; Rep Rieke Smith (Presession filed)	10:00AM 03/05/2026 Third Reading House Floor		Reviewed
Creates authority to coordinate emergency management.						
HB 4134	2	Support	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 Pham; Sen Prozanski; Sen Weber (Presession filed)	10:15AM 03/04/2026 Third Reading Senate Floor		Reviewed
Increases the state transient lodging tax.						
SB 1593	2	Support	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)		Rules (S)	Reviewed

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.



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SB 5701	2	Support	Ways and Means (J)	10:30AM 03/06/2026 Third Reading Senate Floor		Reviewed
Modifies previously approved lottery bonding provisions.						



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Community Development

Bill Number	Priority	Position	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
HB 4082	2	Neutral as amended	Presession filed (at the request of Governor Tina Kotek for Office of the Governor)	10:15AM 03/04/2026 Third Reading Senate Floor		Reviewed
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.						
HB 4153	2	Watch	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 McLane; Sen Nash; Sen Smith DB; Sen Sollman (Presession filed)	10:00AM 03/04/2026 Third Reading House Floor		Reviewed
Allows counties to approve farm stores as nonfarm use on lands zoned for farm use.						
SB 1551	1	Watch	Rep Fragala; Rep McDonald; Sen Broadman; Sen Gelser Blouin; Sen Golden; Sen Pham; Sen Prozanski (Presession filed)			Reviewed
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.						
SB 1561	2	Neutral	Rep Edwards; Rep Gomberg; Rep Hartman; Rep Helfrich; Rep Javadi; Rep Levy B; Rep Mannix; Rep McDonald; Rep Owens; Rep Reschke; Rep Wise; Rep Wright; Sen Drazan; Sen Frederick; Sen Patterson; Sen Smith DB; Sen Thatcher; Sen Weber (Presession filed)			Reviewed
Requires local governments to approve restoration or replacement of dwellings rendered uninhabitable under an alternative process that is not a land use decision.						



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District Attorney

Bill Number	Priority	Position	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
HB 4148	2	Watch	Rep Gamba; Rep Grayber; Rep Helm; Rep Javadi; Rep McDonald; Rep Walters; Sen Campos; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Weber (Presession filed)	10:30AM 03/05/2026 Third Reading Senate Floor		Reviewed

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



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Finance

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HB 4148	2	Watch	Rep Gamba; Rep Grayber; Rep Helm; Rep Javadi; Rep McDonald; Rep Walters; Sen Campos; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Weber (Presession filed)	10:30AM 03/05/2026 Third Reading Senate Floor		Reviewed
Allows net local transient lodging tax revenue to be used for resiliency grants for small businesses in the restaurant and lodging industry.						
HB 4178	2	Support	Rules (H)	10:30AM 03/05/2026 Third Reading Senate Floor		Reviewed
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.						
SB 1562	2	Watch	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
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.						
SB 1569	2	Oppose	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 (Presession filed)		Ways and Means (J)	Reviewed
Provides that certain members of the Public Employees Retirement System qualify as police officers under the system.						



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Health Services: Behavioral Health

Bill Number	Priority	Position	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
HB 4070	1	Support	Presession filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Behavioral Health for Representative Hai Pham)	10:00AM 03/04/2026 Third Reading House Floor		Reviewed
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.						



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Health Services: Public Health

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SB 1571	2	Support	Rep Andersen; Rep Hudson; Rep Isadore; Rep Pham H; Rep Watanabe; Sen Jama; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Patterson; Sen Reynolds; Sen Sollman (Presession filed)			Reviewed

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



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Human Resources

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SB 1569	2	Oppose	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 (Presession filed)		Ways and Means (J)	Reviewed
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Information Technology

Bill Number	Priority	Position	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
HB 4055	2	Oppose unless amended	Presession 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.



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Solid Waste

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HB 4144	2	Support	Rep Andersen; Rep Chotzen; Rep Fragala; Rep Gamba; Rep Gomberg; Rep Helm; Rep Isadore; Rep Levy B; Rep Levy E; Rep Lively; Rep Marsh; Rep McDonald; Rep Nathanson; Rep Nelson; Rep Pham H; Rep Rieke Smith; Rep Walters; Sen Broadman; Sen Frederick; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Patterson; Sen Pham; Sen Prozanski; Sen Reynolds; Sen Sollman (Presession filed)	10:15AM 03/04/2026 Third Reading Senate Floor		Reviewed
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.						