

DESCHUTES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Thursday, February 12, 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. 11th*



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Administration

Bill Number	Priority	Position	Bill Sponsor	Upcoming Hearings	Current Committee	Tagged
HB 4071	2	Support	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 Ruiz; Rep Wallan; Sen Meek; Sen Smith DB; Sen Sollman; Sen Starr (Presession filed)		Judiciary (H)	
HB 4130	2	Support	Rep Boshart Davis; Rep Levy B; Rep McLain; Rep Reschke (Presession filed)		Revenue (H)	Reviewed
2/2/2026 - Jen Patterson - N/A						
SB 1517	2	Oppose	Presession filed (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Judiciary)	12:45PM 02/11/2026 Senate Committee Judiciary Work Session HR C 12:45PM 02/16/2026 Senate Committee Judiciary Possible Work Session HR C	Judiciary (S)	

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.



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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

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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)	1:00PM 02/12/2026 House Committee Emergency Management and Veterans Work Session HR B	Emergency Management and Veterans (H)	Reviewed
2/2/2026 - Jen Patterson - N/A						
SB 1591	2	Watch	Rep Breese-Iverson; Rep Kropf; Rep Levy B; Rep Smith G; Sen Broadman; Sen McLane (Presession filed)		Transportation (S)	Reviewed
2/2/2026 - Jen Patterson - N/A						
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 Lieber; Sen Meek; Sen Reynolds; Sen Smith DB; Sen Sollman (Presession filed)	8:00AM 02/11/2026 Senate Committee Commerce and General Government Work Session HR B	Commerce and General Government (S)	Reviewed
2/2/2026 - Jen Patterson - N/A						



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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)		Housing and Homelessness (H)	
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.						
HB 4153	2	Watch	Rep Breese-Iverson; Rep Elmer; 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)	1:00PM 02/16/2026 House Committee Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water Work Session HR 70	Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water (H)	Reviewed
2/5/2026 - Peter Gutowsky - (Dash 2 – Amendments) Section 2, Subsection 7 do not make reference to fire and life safety.						
SB 1551	1	Watch	Rep Fragala; Rep McDonald; Sen Broadman; Sen Gelser Blouin; Sen Golden; Sen Pham; Sen Prozanski (Presession filed)		Natural Resources and Wildfire (S)	Reviewed
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.						
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 Patterson; Sen Smith DB; Sen Thatcher; Sen Weber (Presession filed)	3:00PM 02/12/2026 Senate Committee Housing and Development Work Session HR E	Housing and Development (S)	Reviewed
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.						



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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 02/12/2026 Senate Committee Housing and Development Work Session HR E	Housing and Development (S)	Reviewed

2/4/2026 - Peter Gutowsky - 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

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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)	Reviewed
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

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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)	Reviewed

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.

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
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SB 1569	2	No Position	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)	1:00PM 02/11/2026 Senate Committee Labor and Business Possible Work Session HR E	Labor and Business (S)	
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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

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HB 4070	1	Support	Presession filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Behavioral Health for Representative Hai Pham)	1:00PM 02/12/2026 House Committee Behavioral Health Work Session HR 50	Behavioral Health (H)	
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

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HB 4153	2	Watch	Rep Breese-Iverson; Rep Elmer; 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)	1:00PM 02/16/2026 House Committee Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water Work Session HR 70	Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water (H)	Reviewed
2/6/2026 - Heather Kaisner - Reviewed with EH. Minimal impact on DCHS and would align with how we already operate and license food service establishments.						
SB 1571	2	Support	Rep Hudson; Rep Isadore; Sen Jama; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Patterson; Sen Reynolds; Sen Sollman (Presession filed)	12:45PM 02/11/2026 Senate Committee Judiciary Public Hearing HR C 12:45PM 02/16/2026 Senate Committee Judiciary Work Session HR C	Judiciary (S)	Reviewed
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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Information Technology

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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

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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Road

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SB 1542	2	Oppose	Presession filed (at the request of Senate Interim Committee on Transportation)	5:00PM 02/16/2026 Senate Committee Transportation Work Session HR E	Transportation (S)	
<p>2/3/2026 - Chris Doty - 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.</p> <p>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.</p>						



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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 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 02/12/2026 House Committee Climate, Energy, and Environment Work Session HR 30	Climate, Energy, and Environment (H)	

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