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**Legislators Meet on Key Topics During May
Legislative Days**

*Legislators return to the Capitol to continue their work providing oversight,
receiving updates on new projects, and setting the stage for 2025*

SALEM, Ore. – Today, legislators returned to Salem for the first set of interim committee hearings since the end of the 2024 legislative session. This three-day period will allow legislators to formally meet to receive updates on topics of importance to the state. It is also an opportunity for Oregonians to participate in and listen to these conversations. All committee hearings will be in-person and open to the public.

Legislators will use the information they learn during legislative days to inform their work ahead of the 2025 legislative session, evaluate outcomes of previous legislation, and get input from experts around the state.

A full [agenda](#) with links to committee live streams and detailed information on attendees and topics can be found on the [Oregon Legislative Information System](#). A number of key priorities for the Legislature from the 2023 and 2024 sessions will be revisited, including those highlighted below.

Wednesday, May 29

House Interim Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans - 11:30 AM, HR C

2024 Winter Storm After Action

Includes testimony from:

- Oregon Department of Emergency Management
- A Shelter Advocate
- Oregon Department of Human Services - Office of Resilience and Emergency Management
- Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB)
- Lane County Emergency Management
- Multnomah County Emergency Management
- Portland General Electric (PGE)

Senate Interim Committee on Health Care - 11:30 AM, HR B

Health Care Price Transparency in Oregon

- Chris Whaley, Associate Professor, Center for Advancing Health Policy through Research, Brown University
- Piper Block, Research and Data Manager, Oregon Health Authority

House Interim Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services - 2:30 PM, HR A

Doris Duke Foundation Opportunities for Prevention and Transformation (OPT-In for Families) Initiative (visit [this link](#) to learn more about this program)

- JooYeun Chang, Program Director for Child Well-being, Doris Duke Foundation

Senate Interim Committee on Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs - 2:30PM, HR C

Preventing Veteran Suicide in Rural Oregon

- Sean Davis, Together with Veterans Northwest
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Thursday, May 30

House Interim Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care - 8:30 AM, HR F

Oregon Health Authority Updates (Redeterminations, 1115 Waiver, Basic Health Plan)

- Vivian Levy, Interim Medicaid Director, Oregon Health Authority
- Nathan Singer, Oregon Eligibility Partnership Director, Oregon Department of Human Services
- Steph Jarem, Policy Director, Oregon Health Authority
- Nikki Olsen, Interim Deputy Medicaid Director, Oregon Health Authority

Senate Interim Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire - 8:30 AM, HR D

Water Policy: Call to Action

- Adell Amos, Clayton R. Hess Professor of Law, University of Oregon
- David Filippi, Partner, Stoel Rives LLP
- Janet Neuman, Retired Professor of Law, Lewis and Clark Law School and Retired Senior Counsel, Tonkon Torp LLP
- Josh Newton, Partner, Best Best & Krieger LLP
- Geoff Huntington, Senior Natural Resources Adviser, Governor Tina Kotek's Office

Wildfire Program Update

- Doug Grafe, Wildfire and Military Advisor, Office of Governor Tina Kotek
- Dave Hunnicutt, Chair, Wildfire Programs Advisory Council
- Mary Kyle McCurdy, Vice-Chair, Wildfire Programs Advisory Council

Senate Interim Committee on Housing and Development - 8:30AM, HR A

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) Affordable Housing Preservation Strategy Framework

- Michael Parkhurst, Policy and Initiatives Manager, Affordable Rental Housing Division, OHCS

House Interim Committee on Housing and Homelessness - 11:30 AM, HR A

Governor Kotek Policy Updates: Homelessness Response and Housing Production Frameworks

- Matthew Tschabold, Housing and Homelessness Initiative Director, Office of Governor Kotek

Interim Committee on Judiciary (House and Senate meeting jointly) - 11:30 AM, HR F

Non-Compete Agreements: Current Law and Recent Developments

- Jessica Santiago, Legislative Counsel

House Interim Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade

- 2:30 PM, HR E

National Semiconductor Technology Center update

- Sarah Means, Governor's office

Senate Interim Committee on Education - 2:30 PM, HR B

Update on SB 3 (2023) implementation

- Alexa Pearson, Oregon Department of Education (ODE)

- Emily Nazarov, Government and Legal Affairs Manager, ODE
- Hannah Lai, Legislative Counsel
- Julie Neburka, Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO)

Joint Interim Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response - 2:30 PM, HR E

*Learn more about the formation of this committee [here](#).

HB 4002: Implementation & Training Symposium Review

- Cherryl Ramirez, Executive Director, Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs
- Paige Clarkson, District Attorney, Marion County
- Josh Wolf, Program Coordinator, Marion County Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)
- Hank Crapser, navigator, Marion County LEAD
- Amanda Dalton, Oregon District Attorneys' Association
- Kevin Campbell, Oregon Association Chiefs of Police; Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

House Interim Committee on Education - 8:30 AM, HR B

[Early] Literacy update

- TBD, Governor's Office
- Dr. Charlene Williams, Director, Oregon Department of Education
- Jennifer Patterson, Assistant Superintendent of the Office of Teaching, Learning and Assessment, Oregon Department of Education
- Alyssa Chatterjee, Early Learning System Director, Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care (Imagination Libraries)

Summer learning funding distribution update

- Dr. Charlene Williams, Director, Oregon Department of Education
- Raquel Gwynn, Education Specialist in the Office of Teaching, Learning & Assessment, Oregon Department of Education
- Michael Elliott, Director of School Finance and Facilities, Office of Finance and Information
- Technology, Oregon Department of Education

Friday, May 31

Joint Emergency Board - 8:30 AM, HR F

Consent Grants

Individual Items

House Interim Committee on Rules - 2:30 PM, HR C

Legislative Oversight with the Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy

- James Townsend, Director
- Benjamin Eikey, Manager, State Training and Development

Joint Interim Committee on Transportation - 2:30 PM, HR F

*The JCT is about to start a statewide outreach tour. Learn more about the purpose, schedule, and scope of the tour [here](#).

Setting the Stage for 2025 Transportation Work on Programming and Funding

- Sen. Rob Wagner, President of the Senate
- Rep. Julie Fahey, Speaker of the House
- AOC and LOC representatives
 - Mallorie Roberts, Association of Oregon Counties
 - Jim McCauley, League of Oregon Cities

Transportation Funding Review by ODOT staff

- Kris Strickler, Director, Oregon Department of Transportation

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