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House Majority Leader Bowman Announces New Legislative Oversight Tool: “Outcomes Reviews”

Starting in 2026, Outcomes Reviews will help ensure that enacted laws are positively impactful, working for Oregonians

SALEM, Ore. — [House Majority Leader Ben Bowman](#) announced that the Oregon House will participate in further legislative oversight with Outcomes Reviews. The new tool encourages legislative members, agencies and partners to assess, review and improve the implementation of previously passed laws. The goal is to enhance outcomes for Oregonians, further community engagement and make sure Oregon laws are working as intended.

“The legislature’s job isn’t just to pass laws and budgets. We have to make sure they are actually producing results,” said **House Majority Leader Ben Bowman (D-Tigard, Metzger, & S. Beaverton)**. “This new oversight tool will help us make sure the laws we pass are improving Oregonians’ lives.”

Leader Bowman has focused on government accountability in his role as caucus leader. In a bipartisan effort, he helped lead a [Legislative Oversight, Effectiveness, and Accountability Workgroup](#), launched in 2024, which aimed to develop a culture of encouraging legislative oversight and measuring legislative outcomes.

In 2026, this work continues as a coalition of House members will review enacted legislation through Outcomes Reviews. Originally introduced in [California](#) by Speaker Rivas, the tool was praised by Jennifer Pahlka, author of *Recoding America: Why Government Is Failing in the Digital Age and How We Can Do Better*. She describes Outcomes Reviews as a [“bold” and “intentional, structured process for evaluating whether the laws lawmakers pass actually do what they’re supposed to do”](#) on her *Eating Policy* Substack.

Together, this group of legislators will:

1. Announce laws to evaluate and review as part of an Outcomes Review, in coordination with policy committees, and identify partners for collaboration at the start of the legislative session. The laws selected for review will be laws sponsored by the legislator leading the review.
2. Work with policy staff and stakeholders to host Outcomes Review-related committee hearings and community meetings starting in the spring, empowering Oregonians directly impacted by enacted laws to have a voice in this public process
3. At the end of the legislative year, highlight Outcomes Review findings, actions and solutions that will improve implementation of laws

PARTICIPANTS

Rep. Emerson Levy (D–Central Oregon)

Rep. Levy plans to review [HB 4113](#) from the 2024 legislative session which allows financial assistance and pharmacy coupons to count toward a patient’s healthcare insurance deductible.

“This legislation expands healthcare access for families by helping them afford life-saving medications. I am pleased to use this oversight opportunity to hear directly from patients and stakeholders. It’s crucial we continue to identify ways to improve healthcare access and streamline pharmaceutical financial assistance models,” said **Rep. Levy**.

Rep. David Gomberg (D–Lincoln and Western Benton & Lane Counties)

Rep. Gomberg will examine Oregon's maritime workforce development programs funded by [HB 3410](#) from the 2023 legislative session. These programs were created to bolster marine workforce opportunities for Oregonians across the state, and this review will evaluate progress on fostering these new employment and training initiatives.

"The Oregon Coast presents unique economic opportunities for maritime work that you simply won't find in many other states, and we need to make sure we're effectively leveraging those opportunities," said **Rep. Gomberg**. "From coastal jobs at our fisheries and ports to statewide opportunities in metal fabrication and diesel maintenance, the maritime sector provides a wide diversity of good-paying jobs that have helped our state flourish for generations. This Outcomes Review will help us ensure the investments we made in the bill are poised to deliver the quality training programs and living-wage work that will help Oregon's maritime sector remain competitive."

Rep. Hai Pham (S Hillsboro, W Beaverton & Unincorporated Washington County)

Rep. Pham looks forward to assessing the outcomes of [HB 2994](#) from the 2024 legislative session. The bill expanded the coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants to children as families have struggled to get coverage for these critical services and devices despite enacted legislation. As a pediatric healthcare provider, Rep. Pham understands that early intervention services can significantly improve a child’s development, learning outcomes, and keep healthcare costs down for working families.

“Our government must work for Oregonians, and legislation like this ensures that we expand affordable care for families and ensure that every child in Oregon can live to their fullest potential,” said **Rep. Pham**. “I look forward to reassessing this legislation to ensure we center the needs of kids, the deaf and hard-of-hearing community, and ultimately prioritize healthcare affordability. We owe Oregonians accountability, efficiency, and affordability.”

Rep. Dacia Grayber (SW Portland & E Beaverton)

Rep. Grayber will be assessing the results of [HB 2573](#) from the 2025 legislative session. This policy expanded on the original work the representative started with former Representative Rachel Prusak in 2021 to establish the Senior Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council and Innovation Program.

“We were thrilled to see the innovative solutions that were born out of this legislation,” **Rep. Grayber** said. “But we also know that the program faced significant delays and administrative hurdles. The ‘silver tsunami’ of aging Oregonians won’t wait, and how we meet that challenge can’t, either. I’m looking forward to seeing ways the program has ensured uniform care standards and hopefully improved patient outcomes, and where there remains room for improvement. As we know in the legislature, passing policy is only a small slice of the work. How we implement and improve for better outcomes is where the real opportunity for change exists.”

Members will announce dates for hearings and community meetings following the 2026 session.

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