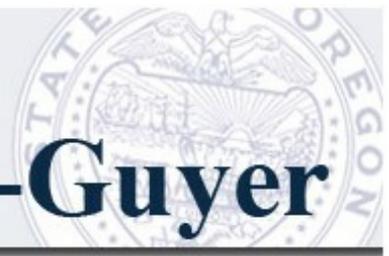




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## Friends,

Huge news this week!!! Join me at my constituent tea this Sunday, April 23, 4-5:30pm at the APANO/Jade District Community Center (8114 SE Division St) to discuss the items below!



### Bad news first...

Yesterday, the Ways and Means Co-chairs released their a "[reality check budget](#)" with impending cuts IF we are not able to raise more revenue. The cuts to health, human services and "educational extras" like early childhood are the deepest, and there is no allocation of new investments in housing. These are all my priority issues in the legislature, and

the cuts would be DEVASTATING to Oregon families who are already struggling.

To be clear, our co-chairs are not recommending this budget. They are laying out their suggested cuts IF we can't raise more revenue. With our economy doing so well in most parts of the state (and even coming back in many rural areas), **there is no excuse for these cuts.**

Our problem is more of a systemic REVENUE problem than an ECONOMIC problem. Since the passage of Measure 5 in 1990, our unstable tax system is increasingly inadequate. The PERS liability and federal cuts are exacerbating the

problem. **This deficit will only get worse if we don't fix it this session.**

Raising adequate and stable revenue, in large part by increasing the share paid by corporations whose Oregon taxes are the lowest in the country, remains my highest priority this session.

**Today we officially passed the first chamber deadline!**

Please click on my [list of bills](#) to see which of the bills I'm tracking passed and which died.

**Bad news first, again...**

I am sad to report that a few of my high priority bills died: SB 1047 (Reducing Toxics in Schools), HB 2130 (Preventing Access to Firearms by Minors), HB 2669 (Community Right to Know about Industrial Toxics), and HB 2006 (Home Mortgage Interest Deduction reform). I will continue to work on these issues in the future.

**Good news...** most of my priority bills made it to the next stage! Some were bills I chief sponsored; others are ones I co-sponsored with colleagues; a few are committee bills I heartily support. As a "teaser" for the longer [list of bills](#), here are a few bills that meet some of our most critical needs:

**Housing:** HB 2004 (Rent stabilization and Just Cause rent termination), HB 2002 (Preservation), HB 2007 (expedited affordable housing construction); HB 2570 (Home Ownership grants), HB 2724 (Rent Guarantee Program), HB 2852 (Affordable Housing Tax Credit), HB 2912 (Land Bank revolving loan fund), HB 3357 (Document Recording Fee to pay for affordable housing), HB 2959 (General Assistance Program for homeless with disabilities)

**Seniors/Long Term Care:** HB 3359 (raising the quality of long term care in facilities), HB 2661 (raising the standards for long term care referral agencies); HJM 4 (Family Caregivers Act)

**Foster Kids:** HB 2401 (Trauma Informed Training), HB 2216 (Foster Children Siblings Bill of Rights), HB 2171 (increasing the number of CASA's for foster kids), HB 2170 (ombudsmen for foster kids and for foster parents)

**Mental Health:** HB 3063 (Housing with mental health services), HB 3090 (discharge policies for people facing a mental health crisis in Emergency Departments), HB 3091 (payment by public and private payers for mental health services), SB 833 (requires discharge plans to refer patients to peer support services after suicide attempt)

**Health Care:** HB 2726 (Cover All Kids - health insurance for undocumented children), HB 3391 (Reproductive Health Equity Act), HB 2387 (Reducing the cost of pharmaceutical drugs); HB 2518 (monitoring the dispensing of pharmaceutical drugs); HB 2660 (raising awareness about breast cancer post operation options), HB 2662 (Tobacco Tax), SB 754 (Tobacco 21)

**Environment:** HB 2748 and 2725 (reduction of smoke from wood stoves), HB 3105 (household hazardous waste product stewardship), HB 2681 (tax credit for residential alternative energy), HB 2711 (10 year moratorium on fracking), HB 3269 (Global Warming Commission), SB 557 (Greenhouse gas emissions "Cap and Invest"), SB 871 (notification and reduction of asbestos and lead in residential demolitions)

**Education:/Early Childhood:** HB 2957 (grants to lower Kindergarten ration in very low income schools), HB 2223 (statewide school nursing services), HB 2845 (develop ethnic studies), HB 2985 (ERDC task force)

**Working Families:** HB 2005 (Pay Equity), HB 2193/SB 828 (fair work week), HB 3087 (Family Medical Leave Insurance)

**Public Safety and Gun Violence Prevention:** SB 719 (Boyfriend/Charleston loophole); other gun safety bills died by a procedural mistake but will come back (no bill

number yet); HB 3078 (Reducing excessive sentences and reinvesting in addiction and mental health treatment and victim services), SB 496/505 (Grand Jury Recordings)

**Fair Elections and Governance:** HB 2927 (National Popular Vote), HB 2578 (Small Donor Elections), HB 2577 (Transparency in Lobbying)

So - come join me this Sunday for an informal discussion about these bills and the budget. We are half way through the session and I need your input and energy to make sure that the 2017 session ends on July 11 with the budget and policies to best serve our state!

I hope to see you there!

Alissa