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**Legislators to Continue Work on Key Topics During  
September Legislative Days**

*Agenda highlights include the drug addiction and behavioral health crisis, housing, the semiconductor industry, and supporting Oregon's kids*

**SALEM, Ore.** - This week, legislators will return to Salem for September Legislative Days, September 27-29. This is the first opportunity since the conclusion of the 2023 legislative session for committees to meet and receive updates on topics of importance to the state. Legislators will use the information they learn during legislative days to inform legislation for introduction during the 2024 legislative session.

All committee hearings will be in-person and open to the public.

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 session will be revisited, including those highlighted below.

## **Drug Addiction Crisis**

Legislative leaders are committed to comprehensively addressing the drug addiction crisis hitting the nation, including Oregon. Health care and public safety committees will receive updates on the enforcement of existing laws, access to treatment services and implementation of the Drug Decriminalization and Addiction Treatment Act (Measure 110).

### **Senate Interim Committee on Judiciary**

[Wednesday, September 27 at 11:30 AM](#)

- Drug Use Decriminalization and Addiction Treatment: Behavioral Health Resource Networks Update
- Illegal Substance Enforcement Barriers
- Industrial Hemp Regulations and Enforcement: Collaboration Between Department of Agriculture and Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission to Sunset per HB 3000 (2021)

### **House Interim Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care**

[Friday, September 29 at 11:30 AM](#)

- Drug Addiction and Recovery Act (Measure 110) Update

## **Housing and Homelessness**

The Legislature took unprecedented action during the 2023 legislative session to address the state's affordable housing crisis. The \$2 billion Housing Affordability and Supply budget funded new and existing homeless shelters, boosted production of affordable housing options, provided rental assistance, and encouraged innovative practices to increase housing production.

Legislators will receive updates on this work to ensure these programs are moving in the right direction.

### **Senate Interim Committee on Housing & Development**

[Wednesday, September 27 at 8:30 AM](#)

- Governor Kotek's Emergency Homelessness Response - HB 2001 (2023)
- Modular Housing Funding - HB 2001 (2023)
- Governor Kotek's Housing Production Advisory Council Update
- Cities' Infrastructure Needs

### **House Interim Committee on Housing and Homelessness**

[Thursday, September 28 at 8:30 AM](#)

- House Bill 2001 (2023) and Executive Order Implementation
- Housing Production Advisory Council
- Housing-Related Interim Workgroups

## **Jobs and the Economy**

The Oregon Legislature acted with urgency during the 2023 session to take advantage of \$52 billion in federal funds from the CHIPS and Science Act to boost domestic research, development and manufacturing of semiconductors. Economists project Oregon could expect 3,000 semiconductor jobs and 1,000 construction jobs stemming from this investment over the next five years. Legislative committees will hear updates on the Oregon CHIPS Act, our small business ecosystem, and Oregon's economic outlook.

### **House Interim Committee on Revenue**

[Thursday, September 28 at 8:30 AM](#)

- County Assessment Function Funding Assistance
- Taxation of Agricultural Machinery & Equipment
- Oregon's Small Business Ecosystem

### **Senate Interim Committee on Labor and Business**

[Thursday, September 28 at 8:30 AM](#)

- Overview of the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries
- Paid Leave Oregon Implementation
- Oregon Employment Department: Modernization
- State of Oregon's Economy and Workforce

### **House Interim Committee on Economic Development and Small Business**

[Thursday, September 28 at 11:30 AM](#)

- Update from the Semiconductor Industry
- Public Testimony on Economic Development and Small Business

## **Public Safety and Public Defense**

The Legislature passed [Senate Bill 337](#) this year, which restructured and renamed the Oregon Public Defense Commission, established additional legislative oversight and updated the employment structure for public defenders. The Legislature also allocated more than \$96 million above current service levels to boost pay for public defenders, hire more attorneys and establish regional hubs in high-need areas.

Improving public safety and public defense will remain a focus for the Legislature through interim and into the 2024 legislative session.

### **Senate Interim Committee on Judiciary**

[Wednesday, September 27 at 11:30 AM](#)

- Oregon Department of Corrections: The Gender Informed Practices Assessment Report (GIPA), Pursuant to HB 5202 (2022)
- Public Defense Services Update
- Community Corrections: Funding Models and Population Needs

### **House Interim Committee on Judiciary**

[Thursday, September 28 at 8:30 AM](#)

- Public Defense Services Update
- Crime Rates and Recidivism Rates: Current Data and Trends
- Community Corrections: Funding Models and Population Needs

### **Joint Interim Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety**

[Thursday, September 28 at 2:30 PM](#)

- Public Defense Services Commission - Comprehensive Remediation Plan
- Public Defense Services Commission - Unrepresented Defendant/Persons Crisis
- Department of Corrections - Community Corrections

### **Supporting Kids and Families**

Access to childcare is crucial to reducing child poverty, growing our workforce, supporting working families and developing our economy. The Legislature built and enacted a \$172 million early childhood budget during the 2023 session, including Oregon's first-ever state-based child tax credit.

Committees will receive updates on wrap-around services and housing programs for homeless youth, support for Oregon's foster care system and from the newly established Department of Early Learning and Childhood.

### **House Interim Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services**

[Wednesday, September 27 at 11:30 AM](#)

- Launch Update for Department of Early Learning and Care and Employment Related Day Care Caseloads
- Temporary Lodging of Children in Child Welfare System
- Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program
- Challenges and Solutions for Businesses and Child Care
- Co-Location of Affordable Housing and Child Care

### **Senate Interim Committee on Human Services**

[Thursday, September 28 at 11:30 AM](#)

- Capacity for Timely Licensure of Social Workers and Counselors
- Child Welfare Temporary Lodging Update
- Psych Under 21 Benefit: New Strategy to Deliver High Quality, Flexible Supports to Children, Youth and Families Impacted by Complex Mental and Behavioral Health Needs
- SB 91 (2023) Implementation Update

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