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Democratic Legislators Dive Deep Next Week to Map Out Options for a Safe, Thriving Future in Oregon

Committees meet Nov. 17 to 19 on growing Oregon and defending the state amid federal turbulence

SALEM, OR – Oregon House and Senate Democrats will bring experts, advocates, and government professionals before legislative committees next week for problem-solving and accountability on issues that matter to all Oregonians. From stabilizing the state budget and maximizing the effectiveness of public services to examining housing production and child care options, legislators will use the November committee days to prepare for an upcoming 2026 legislative session that will require a focus on growing Oregon's economic future, as well as smart defenses against Trump administration attacks on the rights and freedoms of Oregonians.

"The Trump administration has destroyed an American tradition of partnership between national and state governments serving the public. Congressional Republicans have slashed Medicaid and SNAP, wrecking our economy and making life harder for everyday Oregonians," said **Oregon Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama (D – East Portland, Boring & Damascus)**. "The testimony in next week's hearings will help us grow better jobs in our local economy; bring down costs for housing, health care, and food; and protect Oregonians from federal aggressions."

"While the federal government cuts access to health care, slashes food assistance, and increases costs with tariffs, Oregon is focused on delivering for working families and showing what responsible governance looks like," said **House Majority Leader Ben Bowman (D-Tigard, Metzger, & S. Beaverton)**. "Next week's hearings will be key to understanding the harmful impact of the Trump Administration's actions and guiding our work to shield families and working Oregonians from federal instability."

Committee agendas will include:

- A look at automatic license plate readers and privacy | [Senate Judiciary – Monday, November 17, 11:30 a.m.](#)
- Overview of Oregon's estate, inheritance, and gift taxes, as well as a review of past tax reform discussions | [Senate Finance and Revenue – Monday, November 17, 8:30 a.m.](#)

- Update on vote by mail | [House Rules – Monday, November 17, 2:30 p.m.](#)
- Importance of SNAP and other nutrition assistance | [Senate Human Services – Monday, November 17, 2:30 p.m.](#) and [Senate Early Childhood and Behavioral Health – Tuesday, November 18, 2:30 p.m.](#)
- Recap of the 2025 fire season | [Senate Veterans, Emergency and World Affairs – Tuesday, November 18, 8:30 a.m.](#)
- Growth of the Blue Economy, developing economic growth around sustainable marine and freshwater environments | [Senate Energy and Environment – Tuesday, November 18, 11:30 a.m.](#)
- Impact of liability insurance on child care providers | [Senate Early Childhood and Behavioral Health – Tuesday, November 18, 2:30 p.m.](#)
- Understanding Oregon’s Home Insurance Market | [House Housing and Homelessness – Tuesday, November 18, 2:30 p.m.](#)
- Post-wildfire housing recovery | [House Housing and Homelessness – Tuesday, November 18, 2:30 p.m.](#)
- Accountability for ODOT megaprojects | [Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight – Tuesday, November 18, 5:30 p.m.](#)

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