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## **Legislators to Focus on Key Issues for Oregonians During Interim Committee Hearings**

*Next week, lawmakers will focus on ensuring new laws are being implemented well and agencies are producing the results Oregonians deserve*

**SALEM, Ore.** – Legislators are returning to Salem for three days next week to engage in bipartisan oversight and information gathering through legislative committee hearings. Key areas of focus will include housing affordability, drug addiction, community safety, and healthcare.

“Even when the legislature is not in session, we are still focused on what Oregonians care most about. They want us to tackle the issues that make Oregon a better place to live, work, and raise a family,” said **House Speaker Julie Fahey (D-West Eugene & Veneta)**.

“Interim committee hearings are an opportunity for legislators to see each other face-to-face, talk about the big issues facing Oregon, and make sure the legislation we passed last session is being implemented consistent with the values of Oregonians,” said **Senate President Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego)**.

Complete committee agendas and links to live streaming and playback can be found on the [Oregon Legislative Information System](#). Below are some of the key agenda items scheduled for next week.

## Monday

### [Senate and House Interim Committees on Education](#) — 11:30 a.m., HR A

#### **Update from Joint Task Force on Statewide Educator Salary Schedules**

- Co-Chair Neron
- Co-Chair Dembrow

#### **Update from Joint Task Force on Substitute Teachers**

- Chair Dembrow

#### **Update from Chronic Absenteeism Workgroup**

- Co-Chair H. Nguyen
- Co-Chair Weber

#### **Update on Summer Learning**

- Darcy Soto, Director of Learning Acceleration, Portland Public Schools
- Kraig Sproles, Superintendent, Bethel School District
- Liz Ross, Director of Federal Systems, Oregon Department of Education
- Raquel Gwynn, Education Specialist, Oregon Department of Education

### [House Interim Committee on Revenue](#) — 2:30 p.m., HR A

- Update on Economic Incentives Passed in 2023
- Taxation and Cryptocurrencies
- K-12 Funding Equalization Parameters
- Measure 118 Overview

### [House Interim Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services](#) — 2:30 p.m., HR F

#### **Summer EBT and Expansion of Free School Meals**

- Claire Seguin, Director, Self-Sufficiency Programs, Oregon Department of Human Services
- Dustin Melton, Director of Child Nutrition Programs, Pupil Transportation, and Fingerprinting Unit, Oregon Department of Education
- David Wieland, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon
- Sophia Godoy, student, Hillsboro Youth Advisory Council

## Tuesday

### [Senate Interim Committee on Energy and Environment](#) — 11:30 a.m., HR B

#### **Update on the Oregon Recycling Modernization Act (RMA)**

- Abby Boudouris, Senior Legislative Analyst, Department of Environmental Quality

- Arianne Sperry, RMA Implementation Lead, Department of Environmental Quality
- Kim Holmes, Executive Director, Oregon, Circular Action Alliance

### **Reusable Bottles**

- Devon Morales, Vice President of External Affairs, Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative
- Matt Swihart, Founder, Double Mountain Brewery
- Adam Rack, Co-Founder, Revino

### **[Senate and House Interim Committees on Judiciary](#)** — 11:30 a.m., HR F

#### **Oregon Public Defense Update**

- Jessica Kampfe, Executive Director, Oregon Public Defense Commission

#### **Wrongful Conviction Compensation Update (SB 1584 (2022))**

- Janis Puracal, Executive Director and Attorney, Forensic Justice Project
- Earl Bain, Exoneree
- Sheila Potter, Chief Trial Counsel, Oregon Department of Justice
- Kimberly McCullough, Legislative Director, Oregon Department of Justice

#### **Oregon Consumer Privacy Act (SB 619 (2023)) Implementation Update**

- Katie Blevins, Ph.D., Privacy Analyst, Oregon Department of Justice
- Kristen G. Hilton, CIPP/US, CIPM, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Privacy and Data Security, Oregon Department of Justice

### **[House Interim Committee on Housing and Homelessness](#)** — 11:30 a.m., HR A

#### **Sustainable Shelter Funding Workgroup**

- Representative Pam Marsh, House District 5
- Matthew Tschabold, Housing and Homelessness Initiative Director, Office of Governor Kotek
- Amy Fraley, Senior Program Manager, Homelessness Solutions, City of Bend
- Jimmy Jones, Executive Director, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action
- Jes Larson, Assistant Director, Washington County Department of Housing Services

#### **Preservation of Publicly Supported Housing**

- Michael Parkhurst, Policy and Initiatives Manager, Affordable Rental Housing Division, Oregon Housing and Community Services

#### **Oregon Housing Needs Analysis Implementation**

- Aurora Dziadul, Legislative and Policy Analyst, Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)
- Ethan Stuckmayer, Housing Service Division Manager, DLCD
- Mari Valencia-Aguilar, Senior Housing Planner, DLCD
- Terra Wilcoxson, Comprehensive Planning Manager, City of Gresham

### **Senate Bill 1537 (2024): Applying UGB Expansion in Oregon Cities**

- Jodi Hack, Chief Executive Officer, Oregon Home Builders Association
- Dave Hunnicutt, President, Oregon Property Owners Association
- Erik Kancler, City of Bend
- Dan Dias, Economic and Community Development Director, City of Hillsboro

[Joint Interim Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response](#) — 2:30 p.m., HR F

### **Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission and System House Bill 4002 (2024) Study: Preliminary Recommendations**

- Annaliese Dolph, Director, Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission
- Anna Williams, Executive Director, System of Care Advisory Council

### **Deflection Grant Rollout Overview**

- Ken Sanchagrin, Executive Director, Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

### **Oregon Health Authority Behavioral Health Residential+ Facility Study**

- Jon Collins, Deputy Director, Operations and Strategy, Oregon Health Authority

### **Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN) Strategic Data Plan**

- Samantha Byers, Adult Behavioral Health Director, Oregon Health Authority

Wednesday

[Joint Emergency Board](#) — 8:30 a.m., HR F

[Joint Committee on Transportation](#) — 2:30 p.m., HR F

### **Update on Port of Portland Terminal 6 Container Shipping**

- Keith Leavitt (former) Chief Trade and Economic Development Officer, Port of Portland
- Dave Robertson, Chief Public Affairs Officer, Port of Portland

### **Local Government Transportation Funding Needs Assessment**

- Brian Worley, Association of Oregon Counties
- Jim McCauley, League of Oregon Cities

### **Progress Report on Joint Transportation Committee Statewide Tour**

- Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain

### **Next Steps on Transportation Package: Work Groups, ODOT Update, Resource Library, and Answers to Questions from May Meeting**

- Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek

### **Salem-Area Stakeholder Panel on Statewide Transportation Funding Package**

- Tom Hoffert, President, Salem Chamber of Commerce
- Jeremy Gordon, Polk County Commissioner
- Cathy Clark, Mayor of Keizer
- Julie Hoy, Incoming Mayor of Salem
- Maria Hinojos Pressey, Cherriots Board President
- Scott Dadson, Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments

These upcoming interim committee hearings are the second set of interim committee hearings since the end of the 2024 legislative session. Legislators will use the information they learn during legislative days to inform their work for the 2025 legislative session.

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