



## JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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# Legislators to Hear Statewide Budget Priorities at Community Budget Hearings

*The Joint Committee on Ways and Means will tour the state for six public hearings to hear directly from Oregonians regarding the 2025-2027 budget*

**SALEM, Ore.** – Today, the co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means announced the dates and locations of the 2025 community budget hearings and are encouraging Oregonians to sign up to testify about which projects and programs the state should prioritize this budget cycle.

Members of the committee and legislative leadership will attend six public hearings across the state over the next two months as the upcoming 2025-2027 biennial state budget begins to take shape. Individuals interested in testifying before the committee should sign up in advance for the hearing they plan to attend.

This year will be the first time since at least 2005 a community budget hearing has occurred on tribal lands when the committee visits Warm Springs on April 4. The April 16 public hearing will prioritize virtual testimony so everyone in the state has an opportunity to testify on their budget priorities.

In the days before the first community budget hearing on March 22, the co-chairs will release their budget framework, which will outline the state's budgetary outlook and what resources might be available to use.

Legislators are constitutionally required to pass a balanced budget every two years.

"We have limited resources, many worthy projects and programs, and significant uncertainty due to actions by the federal administration," said **Sen. Kate Lieber (D-Beaverton)**, co-chair of

**the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.** "I'm looking forward to hearing directly from Oregonians about what our state budget should prioritize."

"As we look ahead to balancing the 2025-27 state budget, we know that we are facing uncertain federal headwinds," said **Rep. Tawna Sanchez (D-Portland), co-chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.** "It's more important than ever that we hear from communities about the budget issues that matter most to them."

The dates and locations of the community budget hearings are:

**Gresham | Saturday, March 22 (10:00am – 12:00pm)**

Mt. Hood Community College, College Theater  
26000 S.E. Stark Street, Gresham, OR 97030

[Members of the public can register to testify here](#)

**Astoria | Friday, March 28 (5:00pm – 7:00pm)**

Liberty Theatre Astoria  
1203 Commercial Street, Astoria, OR 97103

[Members of the public can register to testify here](#)

**Warm Springs | Friday, April 4 (5:00pm – 7:00pm)**

Old Warm Springs Elementary School  
1112 Wasco Street, Warm Springs, OR 97761

[Members of the public can register to testify here](#)

**La Grande | Friday, April 11 (5:00pm – 7:00pm)**

Eastern Oregon University, Hoke Union Building #339  
1 University Boulevard, La Grande, OR 97850

[Members of the public can register to testify here](#)

**Salem, Statewide Virtual Testimony Prioritized | Wednesday, April 16 (5:00pm – 7:00pm)**

Oregon State Capitol Building, Hearing Room F  
900 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301

[Members of the public can register to testify here](#)

**Klamath Falls | Friday, April 25 (5:00pm – 7:00pm)**

Klamath Community College, Building 4 Commons  
7390 South 6th Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97603

[Members of the public can register to testify here](#)

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