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Oregon Legislators to Address Harmful Federal Policies and Budget Cuts

*Committee hearings this week to focus on protecting critical services and
previewing legislation to improve affordability and stability for Oregonians*

SALEM, Ore. – Oregon legislators will convene in Salem Jan. 13-15 for three days of committee hearings focused on addressing the fallout of the Trump administration’s economic chaos and preparing for the 2026 legislative session. The hearings will set the stage for decisive action to address the most significant challenges Oregonians are facing, from the high cost of living, to an increasingly volatile federal government.

One of the Legislature’s core constitutional responsibilities this session is to rebalance the state budget to fund essential services for as many Oregonians as possible after the Trump administration blew a \$900 million hole in the state budget.

By cutting billions from food assistance and Medicaid while shifting additional costs onto states, the Trump budget is forcing the state to consider difficult budget cuts that would otherwise not be necessary, putting pressure on essential services like education, health care, food assistance, natural resources, and public safety.

“It’s critical that the Legislature finds a way to fund the public services Oregonians rely on, including community safety, education, and health care. We have some tough decisions ahead,” said **Senate President Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego)**. “Getting through this crisis will take a balanced approach of closing tax loopholes for out-of-state mega corporations and billionaires,

cutting waste and inefficiencies, and making targeted investments to spur economic growth and support workers.”

Committees will also preview legislative concepts lawmakers will introduce in session — including bills aimed at addressing the cost of living and insulating Oregonians from federal actions that put them at risk.

“This session is about steady governance in an unsteady moment,” said **House Speaker Julie Fahey (D-West Eugene/Veneta)**. “As we prepare for 2026, we’re focused on rebalancing our budget, but also on affordability, stability, and shielding Oregon families from harmful federal policies.”

Below is a select list of scheduled committee actions. Complete committee agendas and links to live streaming and playback can be found on the [Oregon Legislative Information System](#). All committees can also be attended in-person at the Oregon Capitol. Posted agendas are subject to change.

Tuesday, January 13

House Interim Committee on Education

8:30 a.m., HR D

Proposed Legislation Requiring Notification when Immigration and Customs Enforcement Officers are Present on School Grounds

- Rep. Finger McDonald

Joint Subcommittee on Human Services

8:30 a.m., HR G

Department of Human Services

- Fall 2025 Rebalance

Department of Human Services/Oregon Health Authority

- HR 1 Implementation Costs

Oregon Health Authority

- Fall 2025 Rebalance

Senate Interim Committee on Finance and Revenue

8:30 a.m., HR A

Estate Tax Policy Options

- Legislative Revenue Office

Tribal Fuel Taxes

- Sen. Anthony Broadman

Grow Oregon Jobs Tax Credit

- Legislative Revenue Office

Preview of February Committee bills

- Legislative Revenue Office

[House Interim Committee on Transportation](#)

8:30 a.m., HR F

Introductory Overviews of Legislative Concepts

- LC 255: Transportation Omnibus
- LC 257: Transit Funding
- LC 258: Electric Vehicles

[Senate Interim Committee On Commerce and General Government](#)

8:30 a.m., HR B

LC 130 - Prosperity 10,000

- Presenters To Be Announced

LC 237 - Oregon Jobs Act

- Sen. Janeen Sollman, Senate District 15
- Additional Presenters To Be Announced

LC 215 - Recreational Liability Waivers: Update

- Sen. Mark Meek, Senate District 20
- Rep. Emerson Levy, House District 53

[House Interim Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water](#)

11:30 a.m., HR 40

Overview of Executive Orders 25-26 and 25-29

- Chandra Ferrari and Amy Schlusser, Office of the Governor

[House Interim Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade](#)

11:30 a.m., HR F

Governor's Prosperity Roadmap

- Sarah Means, Office of Gov. Tina Kotek
- Kaarin Knudson, Mayor, City of Eugene

- Mark Kujala, Chair, Clatsop County Commission
- Jon Stark, CEO, Economic Development for Central Oregon

Oregon's Economic Development Strategy Framework

- Sophorn Cheang, Director, Business Oregon

[House Interim Committee on Revenue](#)

2:30 p.m., HR A

Introduction of Committee Bills

- LC 186: Tax Compliance
- LC 190: Update Federal Connection
- LC 195: Study on the State's Financial System

[House Interim Committee on Judiciary](#)

2:30 p.m., HR F

LC Previews

- House Judiciary Committee Bills: Rep. Jason Kropf
- Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act: Rep. Farrah Chaichi

[Senate Interim Committee On Energy and Environment](#)

2:30 p.m., HR B

Clean Energy Financing Mechanisms

- Bert Hunter, Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, Connecticut Green Bank
- Bennett Byerly, Director of Finance at S2 Strategies
- Advait Arun, Senior Associate for Energy Finance, Center for Public Enterprise

Balcony (Plug-in) Solar

- Rep. Sarah Finger McDonald

[Senate Interim Committee On Judiciary](#)

2:30 p.m., HR D

Senate Judiciary Committee Legislative Concepts (LC) Preview

- Civil Omnibus
- Public Safety Omnibus
- Wrongful Conviction

Hidden Homicides and LC 64

- Sen. Sara Gelser Blouin, Senate District 8

- Additional Presenters To Be Determined

Attorney General Dan Rayfield and Oregon Department of Justice: Safeguarding Oregon's Values and Dollars

- Attorney General Dan Rayfield
- Dustin Buehler, Special Counsel to the Attorney General

Wednesday, January 14

House Interim Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

8:30 a.m., HR F

State Energy Strategy

- Janine Benner, Director, Oregon Department of Energy
- Edith Bayer, Energy Policy Team Lead, Oregon Department of Energy

Stakeholder Comments on the State Energy Strategy

- Nora Apter, Climate Solutions
- Danelle Romain, Oregon People's Utility District Association
- Tucker Billman, Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- Chloe Becker, Portland General Electric
- Mary Moerlins, NW Natural
- Mike Freese, Oregon Fuels Association

Data Centers' Potential Impacts on Oregon

- Oregon Department of Energy
- Dan Diorio, Data Center Coalition

Interim House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

11:30 a.m., HR F

High-Interest Consumer Loans

- Jesse O'Brien, Policy Manager, DCBS Division of Financial Regulation
- TK Keen, Administrator, DCBS Division of Financial Regulation
- Angela Donley, State Policy Director, Oregon Consumer Justice
- Ellen Harnick, Executive Vice President & Director of State Policy, Center for Responsible Lending

Insurance Claims Practices and the Impact on Consumers

- Speakers TBA

Senate Interim Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

11:30 a.m., HR D

Pending Legislating to Make Adequate Wildfire Insurance More Accessible

- Dave Jones, Insurance Commissioner, Emeritus, UC Berkeley School of Law
- TK Keen, Insurance Commissioner, Department of Consumer Business Services
- Kenton Brine, President, Northwest Insurance Council
- JulieAnna Anastassatos, Vice President, Wildfire, Verisk
- Chief Mariana Ruiz Temple, State Fire Marshal, Oregon State Fire Marshal
- Samantha Bayer, WPAC Subcommittee on Insurance Chair; General Counsel, Oregon Property Owners Association
- Chief Nick Browne, WPAC Subcommittee on Insurance Vice-Chair; Clackamas Fire District #1
- Chris Coughlin, Federal Policy Director, Oregon Consumer Justice

[House Interim Committee on Behavioral Health](#)

11:30 a.m., HR E

Governor's Behavioral Health Talent Council Recommendations

- Presenters to be determined

[House Interim Committee on Emergency Management and Veterans](#)

11:30 a.m., HR B

Landscape Resiliency for Wildfires

- Mariana Ruiz-Temple, Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)
- Claire McGrew, OSFM
- Kyle Williams, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)
- Josh Barnard, ODF

[House Interim Committee on Housing and Homelessness](#)

2:30 p.m., HR 30

SB 1537 Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Workgroup: Recommendations (LC 205)

- Corie Harlan, Cities & Towns Program Director, Central Oregon Land Watch
- Mary Kyle McCurdy, Associate Director & Managing Attorney, 1000 Friends
- Samantha Bayer, General Counsel, Oregon Property Owners Association
- Alexandra Ring, Lobbyist, League of Oregon Cities

Targeted UGB Expansion Concepts: Manufactured Home Parks & Senior Living (LC 94)

- Aurora Dziadul, Housing Policy Analyst, Office of the Governor
- Matthew Tschabold, Housing and Homelessness Initiative Director, Office of the Governor

LC 222 Housing Omnibus: Preview of Key Policy

- Aurora Dziadul, Housing Policy Analyst, Office of the Governor

- Matthew Tschabold, Housing and Homelessness Initiative Director, Office of the Governor

[House Interim Committee on Health Care](#)

2:30 p.m., HR E

2026 Committee Omnibus Bill Preview – LC 241

- Various presenters

HR 1 Updates

- Clare Pierce-Wrobel, Director of Health Policy & Analytics, OHA

[Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Oversight](#)

5:30 p.m., HR E

Debt Service 101

- Travis Brouwer, Deputy Director for Revenue Finance and Compliance, ODOT

Long-Term Impacts of Maintenance Deferral

- Presenters TBD

Transportation Project Cost Overruns

- Presenters TBD

Thursday, January 15

[Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means](#)

11:00 a.m., HR 40

Various work sessions

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