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## **Affordable Housing, Drug Crisis Response, Relief for Working Families on Agenda for January Legislative Days**

*Legislators will meet for committee hearings over three days to set the stage for the 35-day legislative session starting February 5*

**SALEM, Ore.** — Legislators are set to return to Salem for Legislative Days January 10-12. This is the 3rd and final set of interim committee hearings since the conclusion of the 2023 legislative session. It is legislators' last opportunity to meet and receive updates on topics of importance to the state before the 2024 legislative session begins February 5. Legislators will use the information they learn during legislative days to inform legislation to be considered 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](#). The following committee agendas are not comprehensive. The Legislature will focus work on a number of key priorities for the 2024 session, including expanding affordable housing, addressing the drug crisis and strengthening public education.

**Wednesday, January 10**

**Senate Interim Committee on Housing and Development** — 8:30 AM, HR C

**Committee Budget Bill (LC 158) Introduction**

*Shelter Operation Needs*

- Jill Smith, Housing Stabilization Division, Oregon Housing and Community Services
- Holly McGuire, Housing Stabilization Division, Oregon Housing and Community Services

*Recovery Housing*

- Jose Garcia, Juntos
- Eric Martin, Mental Health and Addiction Board of Oregon
- Tony Vezina, 4D Recovery
- Jerrod Murray, Painted Horse Recovery
- Steve Sanden, Bay Area First Step

*Affordable Housing Land Acquisition Revolving Loan Program*

- Elsa Natal, Our Just Future
- Khanh Le, Unite Oregon
- Abdikadir Bashir, CAIRO

*Emergency Rental Assistance Program*

- Sybil Hebb, Oregon Law Center
- Katrina Holland, Urban League of Portland
- Loretta Smith, Coalition of African and African American Pastors/Imams

**Committee Policy Bill (LC 155) Introduction**

*Financing Affordable/Moderate Income Housing*

- Bill Van Vliet, Executive Director, Network for Oregon Affordable Housing
- Lorelei Juntunen, President and CEO, ECONorthwest
- Erik Kancler, Owner, Kancler Consulting
- Nick Green, President, Catalyst Public Policy Advisors

**Other Possible Housing Legislation for 2024 Legislative Session**

*Multi-Service Center and Affordable Housing Pilot Project*

- Tim Sinatra, YMCA, Salem

**Joint Interim Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response** — 11:30 AM, HR D

*Secretary of State BM110 Audit*

- Kip Memmott, Audits Director, Oregon Secretary of State
- Ian Green, Audit Manager, Oregon Secretary of State

*Youth Substance Use Disorder and Prevention*

- Rep. Charlie Conrad, House District 12
- Rep. Lisa Reynolds, House District 34

- Jon Epstein, parent
- Dr. Mike McCart, Oregon Social Learning Center
- Anna Williams, Director, System of Care Advisory Council

#### *Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission 2024 Recommendations*

- Annaliese Dolph, Director, Oregon Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission
- Tony Vezina, Chair, Oregon Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission

#### *Behavioral Health Workforce Needs*

- Nancy Enright, Founding Partner, DIRA Partners
- Dave Kohler, People and Culture Officer, Cascadia Health
- Sarah Drake, Associate Director of Healthcare Apprenticeships, United We Heal

#### *Oregon Specialty Courts*

- Sheryl Bachart, Presiding Judge, Lincoln County Circuit Court; Oregon Judicial Department
- Amy Miller, Assistant Deputy State Court Administrator for Court Programs & Innovation, Oregon Judicial Department
- Ken Sanchagrin, Executive Director, Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

#### *Behavioral Health and Public Safety Partnerships*

- Dr. Andy Mendenhall, President and CEO, Central City Concern

#### *Oregon IMPACTS Grants Overview*

- Ken Sanchagrin, Executive Director, Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

#### [House Interim Committee on Education](#) — 2:30 PM, HR E

#### *Update on Joint Public Education Appropriations Committee/Quality Education Model*

- Sen. Michael Dembrow, Senate District 23
- Rep. Andrea Valderrama, House District 47
- Rep. Emily McIntire, House District 56
- Governor's Office

#### *Hunger Free Schools*

- Oregon Department of Education
- Matt Newell-Ching, Oregon Food Bank
- Kim Leung, Tigard-Tualatin School District

#### *Literacy Implementation and Updates*

- Rep. Boomer Wright, House District 9
- Oregon Department of Education
- Department of Early Learning and Care
- Governor's Office

#### *Recovery Schools*

- Rep. Jules Walters, House District 37
- Rep. Charlie Conrad, House District 12
- Ann Hight, Chair, Oregon Recovery High School Initiative
- Kate Pattison, Oregon Department of Education
- Heather Rockwell, Oregon Recovery High School Initiative

*Regional Inclusive Services*

- Tenneal Wetherell, Chief of Staff, Oregon Department of Education
- Kara Williams, Director, Inclusive Services, Oregon Department of Education
- Ozzie Rose

**Thursday, January 11**

**House Interim Committee on Housing and Homelessness** — 8:30 AM, HR F

**Oregon Housing and Community Services: Legislation Implementation Updates**

*Shelter Operations Funding*

- Jill Smith, Director, Housing Stabilization Division
- Holly McGuire, Operations and Policy Analyst, Housing Stabilization Division

*Modular Housing*

- Rick Ruzicka, Assistant Director of Planning & Policy, Affordable Rental Housing Division

*Affordable Rental Housing*

- Natasha Detweiler-Daby, Director, Affordable Rental Housing Division

**Senate Interim Committee on Education** — 2:30 PM, HR C

*Student Success Plans*

- Carmen Urbina, Deputy Director, ODE
- Deb Lange, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Equity Diversity and Inclusion, ODE
- April Campbell, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Indian Education, ODE

*SB 819 (2023) Implementation Update*

- Sen. Sara Gelser Blouin, Senate District 8
- Tenneal Wetherell, Chief of Staff, ODE
- Eric Wells, Director of IDEA Programs, Office of Enhancing Student Opportunities, ODE

*Transparency Legislation*

- Sen. Rob Wagner, Senate District 19

**Introduction of Committee Legislative Concepts**

*Oregon Promise Pilot Bill*

- Sen. Cedric Hayden, Senate District 6
- Julie Parrish, former Representative, House District 37

- Kyra King, Operations and Policy Analyst, Office of Student Access and Completion, Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

*Explanation of Omnibus Education Bill*

- Sen. Michael Dembrow, Senate District 23

[House Interim Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water](#) — 2:30 PM, HR D

*Preview of Infrastructure/Housing Bills*

- Rep. Lucetta Elmer, House District 24
- Rep. David Gomberg, House District 10

**Friday, January 12**

[House Interim Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care](#) — 11:00 AM, HR B

*Healthier Oregon Update*

- Dave Baden, Interim Director, Oregon Health Authority
- Oliver Vera, Manager, Community Partner Outreach Program, Oregon Health Authority
- Holden Leung, CEO, Asian Health and Service Center
- Jose Mendoza, Community Health Worker, Casa Latinos Unidos

*Outline of 2024 Oregon Health Authority (OHA) BH Studies*

- Ebony Clarke, Behavioral Health Director, Oregon Health Authority

[Joint Committee on Transportation](#) — 2:30 PM , HR A

*Committee Discussion of 2024 and 2025 Session Framework*

[House Interim Committee on Judiciary](#) — 2:30 PM , HR F

*SB 337 (2023) Public Defense Crisis Plan Update*

- Ken Sanchagrin, Director, Criminal Justice Commission
- Jessica Roeser, Oregon Judicial Department
- Additional presenters to be determined

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