



Legislative Updates

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Housing and Homelessness - HB

3414

▶ **HB 3414**

- Establishes the Housing Accountability and Production Office to ensure state housing laws are implemented correctly across the state to increase housing production at all income levels.
- When requested by affordable and market rate housing developers, it requires flexibility in modifying certain local land use regulations to produce more housing or reduce the cost and time of production.
 - Requirements related to affirmatively furthering fair housing cannot be modified.
- Bill is currently in the House Rules Committee
- Please provide support for bill or share any examples of barriers to housing production that this bill could help address.

Housing and Homelessness Budget Update

- ▶ Governor's recommended budget
- ▶ HB2100 Task Force recommendations
- ▶ Co-chairs framework
- ▶ Budget advocacy update:
 - ▶ \$1.3 billion more for housing and homelessness
 - ▶ Maintaining investments made by HB5019
 - ▶ Set aside for culturally specific organizations within core homeless service programs (re-housing and prevention)

Behavioral Health

- **SB 1043** gets overdose reversal medication (i.e., naloxone or Narcan) in the hands of Oregonians who are at high risk of overdose. The bill requires facilities that have provided addiction treatment for opioid use disorder to provide 2 doses of overdose reversal medication at discharge or release to the community. The bill passed the Senate with a unanimous vote. It was approved unanimously in the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care on May 10 and awaits a full House vote.
 - **SB 1044** and Governor's Behavioral Health Budget Package: Funding to address the current crisis AND invests in the future.
- ▶ **Initiative Aligned Legislation:**
- **HB 2757** (Sanchez) – Establishes a 9-8-8 Trust Fund funded by a telecommunications tax of \$.50 per line. (BIPOC Caucus Agenda item). The bill was approved by the House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee on March 13 by a 6-5 vote. The bill is in the House Revenue Committee.

Education

HB 3198 (Early Literacy)

This bill was unanimously (on bipartisan basis!) referred out of the House Education committee in early April and now awaits the budget process in the Ways and Means Education Subcommittee. We expect a work session soon. The Governor's Recommended Budget proposed a \$120 million investment for this first biennium.

HB 3005 (Child Care Infrastructure Fund) – The Governor's Recommended budget proposed a \$100 million investment to expand child care infrastructure and an additional \$10 million for technical assistance to child care providers to navigate expansion. This bill is important to address inequities in access to resources to expand and address the acute child care shortage across Oregon.

SB 1045 – Education Accountability: Improves ODE oversight and accountability of schools and districts. Senate Rules hearing held on March 16th with supportive testimony from Rep Hoa Nguyen, OSBA/OAESD, COSA, and OESA. Scheduled for Senate Rules Work Session on March 18th at the same time as RJC.

SB 1050 – Holocaust and genocide studies educational alignment: Extends implementation date by one year for Holocaust and genocide studies, to align with ethnic studies standards and to allow for relevant professional development. Currently in Ways and Means.

Governor's Other Priority Bills

- **SB 1046** – Network Adequacy: Directs DCBS to evaluate network adequacy and adopt standards to evaluate networks for all covered services, including mental health, substance use, and reproductive health coverage. In Ways & Means.
- **SB 1047** – Equity in Public Procurement: Raises procurement threshold for public contracts for goods and services to improve access by small contractors. Passed both chambers with bipartisan support! Governor signature next :)
- **SB 1048** – ODOT Small Business Assistance: Creates new small business assistance program to facilitate small businesses in competing for ODOT public improvement contracts. In Joint Ways & Means.