



Agenda/Notes

Office of Governor Tina Kotek

RJC Health Equity and Human Services Committee

April 15, 2026 – Zoom

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Moderator – Javier Cervantes

**MEMBERS**

X	Annie Valtierra-Sanchez		Jackie Leung		Matt Newell-Ching
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X	Elizur Bello	E	Marin Arreola		

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

X	Andre Bealer	X	Yasmin Solorio	X	Javier Cervantes
X	Kristina Narayan	X	April Rohman	X	Rachel Currans-Henry
X	Melinda Gross	X	Samantha 'Sam' Kaan, ODHS	X	Clare Pierce-Wrobel, OHA
		X	Melinda Gross, DAS	X	Danny Moran

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/Action Items
<p>Recap of 2026 Short Session Legislative Outcomes (Danny)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus: Immigration bills</li> <li>Note possible meeting with W/M co-chairs</li> </ul>	<p><i>Meeting starts at 3:05pm. Josie provides welcome and provides overview of agenda.</i></p> <p><i>Danny shares slides for "2026 Legislative Recap"</i></p> <p><b>Danny:</b> Governor's bills are            HB 4082 Creating more affordable housing.            HB 4083 cutting red tape for behavioral health workers            HB 4084 prosperity roadmap package.</p> <p>Focusing on cutting red tape, the bill was recommended by the Behavioral Health Talent Council, which First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson chaired. Historically there has been a bottleneck on delays with credentialing and administrative burden. This bill helps alleviate that and reduce repetitive steps. Going forward, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will need to report out on attempts to reduce administrative burden, every 2 years, on the steps they are taking. It's also now part of their mission. This bill also expands supervision pathways so more behavioral health providers can enter and stay in the workforce.</p> <p>Immigrant Justice Related bills that were passed as far as Federal Response package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>HB 4079</b> - relating to children in schools. Requires</li> </ul>	

school districts and policies regarding federal immigration enforcement on school campus, provide notice to students and families, plans need to be in place with districts and boards when these actions take place. Takes effect this year in September.

- **SB 1538** - ensures school districts admit all eligible students regardless of immigration status.
- **HB 4111** – has a few components, including Oregon’s profiling laws to include immigration status. Bars use of a party’s or witness’s immigration status as evidence in civil cases. Adds worker protections against lawful work authorization updates.
- **HB 4114** – Protect your door. Focused on 4<sup>th</sup> amendment violations.
- **HB 4138** – Rep Chaichi. Requires off duty officers to wear a uniform displaying clear identification, whether federal, state or local. Restrictions around facial covering, certain exemptions.
- **SB 1570** – Sen Campos. Ensures hospitals have clear policies for responding to law enforcements visits and designates areas not open to the public. Designates administrator to respond when law enforcement responds.
- **SB 1587** - Prohibits agencies for disclosing personally identifiable information to data brokers unless the broker agrees in writing that the info won’t be sold or transferred to federal immigration for enforcement purposes.
- **SB 1594** - Sen Jama. Directs Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement (OIRA) to create statewide model policies related to citizenship or immigration status in response to federal actions.
- **HB 4117** – didn’t advance but there were budget allocations. This core bill funneled into HB 5204 with ~\$8M in general funds. \$5.6M going directly into Universal Representation Fund.

**Josie:** Can you give update on HR1 funding package? Our committee put a letter to Ways and Means co-chairs for additional support from ODHS and OHA.

**Rachel:** Can start us off on the Oregon Dept. of Human Services (ODHS) side. Happy to report we were successful at securing an additional \$111M in general fund and 392 additional positions to start implementing HR1 changes. That total figure represents a few areas:

1. Eligibility staff to handle enhanced screening and frequency of verifications and exemptions process. Those are all staffing related costs. Those positions were secured.

2. Represents higher cost shift. The federal government essentially stated they will stop paying for 75% for administrative cost and want the state to pay an enhanced percentage. State legislature allocated those funds to continue benefits for Oregonians.
3. Protecting SNAP benefits by moving towards SMART Chip technology. Because benefits have been stolen from people due to fraud and can't be replaced.
4. Like all agencies, we had to have this pool of funding to maintain SNAP and Medicaid programs. Agency also took reduction package. Reduced by \$34.5M across job savings, and reductions across programs to help with efficiency as possible given tight budget.
5. \$2M for supports to help refugees who lost benefits and were eliminated. There isn't enough to cover all costs that were eliminated but will support many families.

**Kristina:** In terms of rebalance request, the agency did well. Some of that is managing for general fund and estimates we had on populations we had moving between HOP and basic health plan.

Planned parenthood is in a prohibited period. We asked for an alignment with RJC letter as well as the agency needs all around. Specifically, there was a call center strategy on best practice that the legislature didn't fund. There was specific funding the agency asked for in addition to existing CPOP money – they asked for over \$1M for specific funding for partnerships for CBO's. In subcommittee letter, we set some direction on leveraging existing contracts.

Have a great summary on behavioral health, Medicaid, HR1 requests and more administrative pieces -can send after the fact.

**Coi:** Was eligibility for Community Based Organizations (CBO's) funded?

**Kristina:** It was not. That full \$2.7M wasn't funded by the legislature. We did advocate for caseload adjustments. We're looking at what grants we can repurpose to support that work. Our OHA Director Dr. Hathi was direct with legislative leadership on outcome and impression this leaves.

**Coi:** What does OHA and state have planned to remedy

situation where people will lose coverage because system can't keep up with reassessing under HR1. In regards to 300+ positions in the bill, are any of those for CBOs or just state employees?

**Rachel:** State positions mostly but some are for the county. The eligibility positions for HR1 are that the function has to be a state employee and can't be delegated to community. They need to be government positions.

**Josie:** Marin and I reached out to co-chairs Ways and Means asking for follow ups specifically for CBO grant request. We're hoping to meet with the co-chairs and continue to make the case for community assisters and help with this administrative barriers.

**Co:** Thinking of our most vulnerable – non-English speakers, homeless, etc. they will be left behind.

**Kristina:** The agencies on a shared basis, mostly out of OHA, developed an elaborate gold standard engagement plan contingent on legislative budget. Our office will need to be briefed on revised approach. If there are significant changes, we can always present that to this committee and will make changes post session.

SNAP Data Compliance Update (ODHS)

**Rachel:** Samantha Kaan will present. We want to understand the 'why' on why changes are coming and when data will be disclosed. And will be sharing on the SNAP side data, privacy, etc. as we protect data.

*Samantha shares "SNAP Data Update for RJC" slides*

**Samantha:** Oregon is part of a litigation on sharing data and protections. Starting in July 2025 Oregon took legal action along other states to challenge a federal request for expanded SNAP data, raising concerns on privacy and power personally identifiable information (PII) could be used. To date, no Oregon data has been shared as a result of this direction because litigation is still ongoing.

Three ways/models state data is shared:

- Federal data repositories that states feed into
- State data repositories accessible to federal government
- State-held data for hybrid programs

Historically, federal government receives limited PII and its typically shared for federal audit purposes but it

usually isn't retained by USDA. Its limited audits, and there's reports done at an aggregate level.

ODHS's aim is to protect personal data from federal misuse while maintain access to food benefits. We've heard remarks from Vice President on info being requested to share data with Dept of Homeland Security. This is an ongoing piece of negotiation. When directed to share, we're at a point now where litigation has been moving but we are trying to ensure we are sharing minimally required data and limit oversharing data. Quality control is important.

ODHS is thinking ahead on communication. We are looking at information sharing like website, social media, notifications to current enrollees, and communicating with partners and keep people informed. We are open to what might be needed from your perspective. There's a very real chilling effect and we want to make sure people are continuing to receive their benefits with this threat looming.

**Annie:** This is scary to hear and even the addresses and things that are tell-tell signs on what might be other intentions. How do we communicate that to our communities? I don't think you have an answer and this is where we are, as far as having community members who aren't applying for benefits. How do we respond to medical need to communities, pregnant women, preventative care, etc. very scary. Don't know if there's any insight into other things to consider for us.

**Sam:** From the perspective of sharing data with federal government, we've been sharing data for decades with an understanding it's for program administration. We're still adjusting after 1.5 years where we can't trust federal agencies with this data that they're required to provide. Have had people ask me how individuals can protect their data – but if they are receiving benefits much of their data is already being shared with federal government. Don't have a great advice or insight. But can say this example with SNAP and USDA, yes we need to make sure money needs to flow so but we need to fight this with Oregon DOJ and Governor's Office partners and administer benefits.

**Josie:** As it relates to Medicaid data sharing topic, been a lot of requests for plainer language talking points. It's a lot to put these conversations on community partners, and we don't have SNAP enrollment assisters like OHP enrollment assisters. If ODHS and OHA can collaborate

	<p>with community partners, the better off we'll be. I think that could be really helpful.</p> <p><b>Sam:</b> Great practical next steps.</p>	
<p>Medicaid Roundtable Update (Kristina)</p>	<p><i>Agenda item truncated from meeting.</i></p>	
<p>Rural Health Transformation Program Overview (OHA)</p>	<p><i>Clare shares "Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) slides"</i></p> <p><b>Clare Piece-Wrobel:</b> With OHA. Funding is a onetime 5 year grant program for 50 states. Available for a limited amount of allowable uses. Looking at this as a great opportunity but it is not at all meeting the scale of cuts we are expecting to see and impact it will have on communities in Oregon. It's a cooperative agreement with Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS) All states received \$100M for baseline funding annually.</p> <p>We are receiving in the first year \$197.3M in 2026. Puts us in a good position compared to other states in similar spot. If approved for a similar amount in future years, Oregon will receive an estimated \$1B over 5 year grant period. Our funding for future years will be dependent on our progress this year. We will learn our allotment in October of each year as federal fiscal starts. From a timeline perspective, it's a bit of a difficult position. This is a competitive request for grant proposal targeting rural communities in Oregon.</p> <p>Plan to make grant decisions in middle of July. Awards would start and continue through end of this federal fiscal year Sept 26-Sept 27.</p> <p>In 2026 and beyond, we were thinking of the awards in two phases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1: Fiscal year 26-27. We are focusing on activation, stabilization, and planning.</li> <li>• Phase 2: Fiscal year 28-30. Focus on scaling and sustainability.</li> </ul> <p>We are putting our best foot forward and trying to meet targets. Supporting regional planning and innovation to get to phase 2. This is a short program, we are very cognizant of needing to support and encourage models after period of award and once grant dollars are expended as this is one time funding. We're also dedicated tribal set-aside. 9 tribes will be doing their own rural health transformation as well.</p>	<p>Clare to share slides with Javier to distribute to committee members.</p>

Public engagement included public comments (240 responses collected), a public survey following two public forums, and an “intent to Apply” survey fielded.

Framing initiatives are:  
Integrate public comment ideas, elevate what’s already working, invest in sustainable transformation, and align with CMS strategic goals.

We are planning to direct funding to local authorities to get to communities and projects targeted by this funding. We are looking to support balance of those ready to go projects. Part of that phase 2 is encouraging organizations to come together with projects at a regional level and that’s something we’ll be cultivating and supporting for planning discussions. We did our best to align with strategic goals CMS laid out.

*Questions from committee members to be shared with Javier in interest of time.*

Governor's Recommended 2027-29 Budget

- Review previous committee priorities (Josie & Marin)
- Reflect on current context going into the budget-setting process (Policy Advisors)
- Outline budget development process including timeline & REIS (Policy Advisors)
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**Javier:** In our last RJC meeting governor made it clear the belt is still tight with the budget coming up. She has been clear with agencies that it’s not the time to come up with brand new ideas and if there are new ideas, they have to find ways to cover those dollars. We have to do what we can with dollars we have. We want to have a robust conversation with our agencies and take equity into account when it comes to the budget. We have Melinda here to talk about those engagement opportunities.

*Melinda shares “REIS slides”*

**Melinda:** Will keep it high level and send details with you.

Over the coming months you’ll get opportunity to hear from agencies and Racial Equity Impact Statement (REIS). We put a workgroup this last round with RJC folks, agencies, as well as CFO analysts. Statute doesn’t say the ‘why’ but we made the ‘why’. Some agencies have concerns on using certain language like ‘racial equity’ when getting funds from federal government. We worked with DOJ to look for questions we require agencies to ask and don’t put agencies at ‘high’ risk to be scrutinized by federal government. A lot of the questions we asked are considered ‘low risk’. Every agency has to complete an REIS and how it applies to their agencies. We asked folks to also fill out an REIS for every Policy Option Package (POP) that is

Melinda to share slides with Javier for post-meeting distribution.

submitted. If they increase or decrease funding, they have to submit an analysis on Racial Equity Impact (REI) around that. If an agency isn't filling out POP, they will need to submit the REIS relating to their program. We also noted RJC may reach out to an agency for a presentation.

My recommendation is choose a small number of agencies to present their REIS. "This felt like a 'check-quity' – chose a smaller number of agencies to go in deeper. Chose 1 POP or a small number for an REIS analysis. Be clear on your expectations from agencies, what you want, your outcome expectations, and who are the folks that should be presenting (agency director, DEIB practitioner, etc.), and what info you want shared. If you want to hear from agencies on decisions related to REIS, that you center it around a conversation rather than writing. Note not all agencies will complete their REIS until August or September.

**Josie:** With agency presentations, that's being done at committee level than RJC level?

**Javier:** Correct. Focus should be the priority agencies relating to HEHSC.

**Josie:** Presentations likely come to us before summertime.

**Andre:** We're still toying with timeline. To what Melinda outlined, we'll need your expectation setting and info you want to share with agencies. We make sure to engage with them ahead of time to finetune the conversation. You'll expect to get those conversations over the summer.

**Javier:** Previously, we had workgroups to make priorities.

**Leslie:** Might be helpful to help people understand what types of behaviors can be interpreted as discriminatory. And what to look for. Not enough to say 'have you had problems in this area', that it may not be as overt and can be covert. Will there be more conversation than just surveys?

**Melinda:** Yes, that's more of going in the deeper dive.

*Javier provides thank you to Jeremiah for his service on the committee as his term is concluding. Meeting concludes at 4:34pm.*

## Meeting Materials

Poll: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLgX3dMAiIF4ux7jmZ0my2ew8bLswrX1f-UKwt7UozpZEAw/viewform?usp=dialog>



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REIS Process  
(2027-29 Budget)



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## Zoom Chat

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15:07:51 From Dolores Martinez to Hosts and panelists:

Hello everyone, my apologies I will be off the camera. My daughter have a college trip and will be driving back from the airport.

15:08:14 From Andre Bealer (he/him) Governor's Office to Hosts and panelists:

No problem. Thank you for being here Dolores.

15:09:06 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

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15:20:36 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

Thank you, Danny!

15:34:40 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

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15:53:18 From Elizur Bello to Hosts and panelists:

I completely agree with you, Josie, and aligns with what Annie was asking about since folks will keep coming to our orgs

15:53:58 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

Thank you Sam

15:54:08 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov Office (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

Thank you, Sam!

15:54:38 From Elizur Bello to Hosts and panelists:

I apologize in advance as I will need to hop off at 4pm today

16:15:30 From Elizur Bello to Hosts and panelists:

than you all. take care!

16:16:50 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov Office (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

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16:32:06 From kristina narayan (OR) to Hosts and panelists:

we're over time but i do have a GRB presentation and some major factor info as we inch toward budget conversations in the future. will send as materials and thanks for understanding the impromptu call.

16:32:19 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov Office (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

2026 HEHSC Meeting dates

June 17, 2026

August 19, 2026

October 21, 2026

December 16, 2026

16:32:35 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

I can share those Kristina

16:33:19 From kristina narayan (OR) to Hosts and panelists:

Great. Happy to add narrative to the description to help decipher the slides.



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# 2026 Legislative Session Recap

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# Governor Kotek Bills



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- **HB 4082:** Creating More Affordable Housing Options
- **HB 4083:** Cutting Red Tape for Behavioral Health Workers
- **HB 4084:** Prosperity Roadmap Package

# House Bill 4083: Cutting Red Tape for Behavioral Health Workers



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- Streamlines credentialing
- Reduces administrative burdens
- Expands supervision pathways so more behavioral health providers can enter and remain in the workforce
- The bill was recommended by the Behavioral Health Talent Council, which First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson chaired.

# Federal Response – Immigrant Justice



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- **Promoting Safe Access to Education (House Bill 4079 and Senate Bill 1538):** Strengthens campus protections against immigration enforcement, including verifying warrants, requiring superintendent review, and consulting legal counsel, consistent with existing sanctuary statutes. SB 1538 ensures school districts admit all eligible students and program participants.
- **Strengthening Anti-Discrimination Protections (House Bill 4111):** Bars the use of a party's or witness's immigration status as evidence in civil cases. The bill also protects workers from employer retaliation over lawful work authorization updates and expands Oregon's profiling laws to include immigration status.
- **Protect Your Door (House Bill 4114):** Creates a civil cause of action against individuals who enter certain property without a warrant or legal exception.

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- **Law Enforcement Accountability and Visibility Act (LEAVA) (House Bill 4138):** Increases transparency in law enforcement activities by requiring officers to clearly identify themselves and limiting the use of masks except in specific circumstances.
- **Health Care Without Fear Act (Senate Bill 1570):** Ensures hospitals have clear policies for responding to law enforcement visits and designates areas not open to the public.

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- **Protect Personal Data from ICE (Senate Bill 1587):** Prohibits agencies from disclosing personally identifiable information to data brokers unless the broker agrees in writing that the information will not be sold or transferred for immigration enforcement purposes.
- **Improving Immigrant and Refugee Policy Guidance (Senate Bill 1594):** Directs the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement to create statewide model policies related to citizenship or immigration status in response to federal actions.

# Federal Response – Immigrant Justice



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## – **Budget (HB 5204)**

- \$8 million General Fund for universal representation
  - \$5.6 million for deposit into the Universal Representation Fund
  - \$2.4 million provided to the Oregon State Bar for immigration legal services
- \$2 million General Fund to the Department of Human Services for refugee assistance



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**Questions?**



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April 15, 2026

# SNAP Data Update for RJC

Samantha (Sam) Kaan, she/her/hers  
Chief Data Officer, Oregon Dept of Human Services

# Overview

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- Starting in July 2025, Oregon took legal action alongside other states to challenge a federal request for expanded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) data, raising concerns about privacy and how personal information could be used.
- Under this new federal requirement, states are being directed to provide detailed SNAP eligibility and enrollment information to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- This includes personally identifiable information such as names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, addresses, and information about household composition and benefits received.
- To date, no Oregon data has been shared as a result of this directive.

# Federal-state data sharing models

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## Federal Data Repositories That States Feed Into

- Social Security Administration Death Master File
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Nat'l Vital Statistics System (NVSS)
- National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS)
- National Crime Information Center (NCIC)
- Dept of Labor Wage Records Program

## State Data Repositories Accessible to Federal Government

- DOJ/FBI Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act
- FBI Sex Offender Database
- State motor vehicle registries and records
- Commercial data brokers



## State-Held Data for Hybrid Programs

- **USDA SNAP** and Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) programs
- Supplemental nutrition and wage reporting programs

# Historical context for SNAP data

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- Historically, the federal government received limited personally identifiable information like age, gender, household size, income and the amount of benefits a household gets.
- Typically, this information was shared for limited federal audit purposes but was not typically retained.
- The federal government did not collect or store all applicants' personal information.
- Federal law states that SNAP data can only be used for running the SNAP program, with limited exceptions (e.g. quality control review).

# ODHS Aim

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***Protect personal data from federal misuse while maintaining access to food benefits.***

This means:

- Working with multistate coalition partners on negotiating data sharing protocol that restricts sharing of personal data with federal immigration enforcement agencies.
- When directed to share, sharing the minimum required data and implementing quality controls and data validation.

# Timeline

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- **May 2025:** USDA required states to share 5 years of SNAP participant data (since Jan. 1, 2020), including sensitive personal information like Social Security numbers and addresses.
- **July 2025:** Oregon joined 22 states in a lawsuit, arguing the request violates privacy laws.
- USDA warned it could **withhold SNAP funding**, creating a choice between protecting data or preserving benefits.
- **Oct. 2025:** A federal court temporarily blocked USDA from penalizing states (not a final decision).
- **Nov–Dec 2025:** USDA repeated its demand; Oregon and other states formally refused. USDA then issued updated data-sharing requirements and expected compliance.
- **Jan 2026:** States raised ongoing concerns and sought to enforce the court's temporary protections.
- **Feb 2026:** Court ruled USDA cannot penalize states under prior requirements; however, USDA issued a new data-sharing directive.
- **March 2026:** USDA accepted some state protections but rejected limits on sharing data for immigration enforcement; states continue to respond.
- **April 2026:** States are still negotiating data-sharing rules, including protections related to immigration enforcement use.

# Existing data elements included in the USDA directive

Case Number	Case Address	Phone number	SNAP Household Names
SNAP Household Dates of Birth	SNAP Household Social Security Numbers	SNAP Household Relationships	Citizen/Non-Citizen Status
Homeless Status	All Household Earned Income	All Household Unearned Income	All Household Self-Employment Income
Authorized Representative	Indicator if SNAP Household Member is Active	Reporting Status	Recipient Disqualification
Certification Period	Assets/Resources	Categorical Eligibility	Shelter Expenses
Date of Interview	Household compositions	Expedited Service	Most Recent Action
Student status	Amount of allotment	Allotment adjustments	Demonstration projects
Residency	Earned Income Deductions	Dependent Care	Shelter Deductions
Other Government Benefits	Contributions	Deemed Income	Income from loans, scholarships, grants
Arithmetic Computation	Significant persons not living in the home relationship	Data related to work requirements	Supporting documentation for all elements

# Communications

When SNAP data is shared, ODHS will not be mailing notices to people whose data is being released.

ODHS will use its website, news releases and social media to inform the public when data is being released.

You can use this info sheet to receive messages from ODHS



## Stay Informed

Oregon Department of Human Services

Federal policies may impact the services and supports the Oregon Department of Human Services provides. Stay connected with us to receive timely updates.

**01. Federal updates webpage**  
For the latest information on how federal changes may affect ODHS programs and services, scan the QR codes or visit [oregon.gov/odhs/news/pages/federal-updates.aspx](https://oregon.gov/odhs/news/pages/federal-updates.aspx).

    
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# Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)



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# Agenda

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- RHT Program Background
- RHT Program Timeline
- Oregon's Transformation Plan Framework and Initiatives

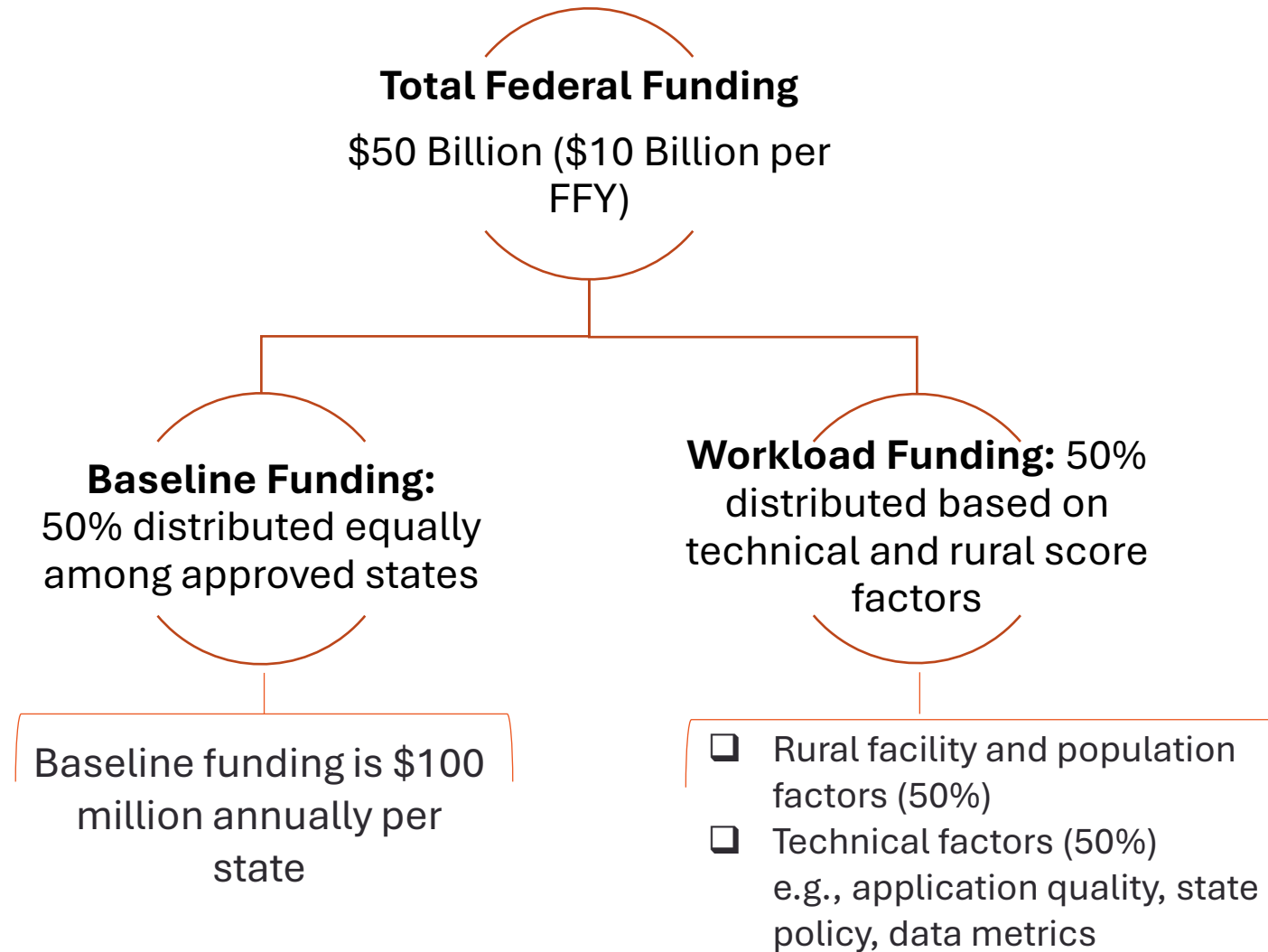
# Background

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- H.R. 1, the Trump Administration's federal budget reconciliation bill, was signed into law on July 4, 2025, introducing an estimated \$15 billion in cuts to federal funding from Oregon for health insurance coverage, food benefits, and other programs.
- **Federal funding through RHTP is not intended to offset H.R. 1 Medicaid cuts.**
- H.R. 1 establishes a **one-time, five-year** Rural Health Transformation Program (RHT Program or RHTP), which makes funding available to states for health-related activities supporting rural communities and rural health system transformation.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is charged with administering the program as a cooperative agreement.

# Funding Framework

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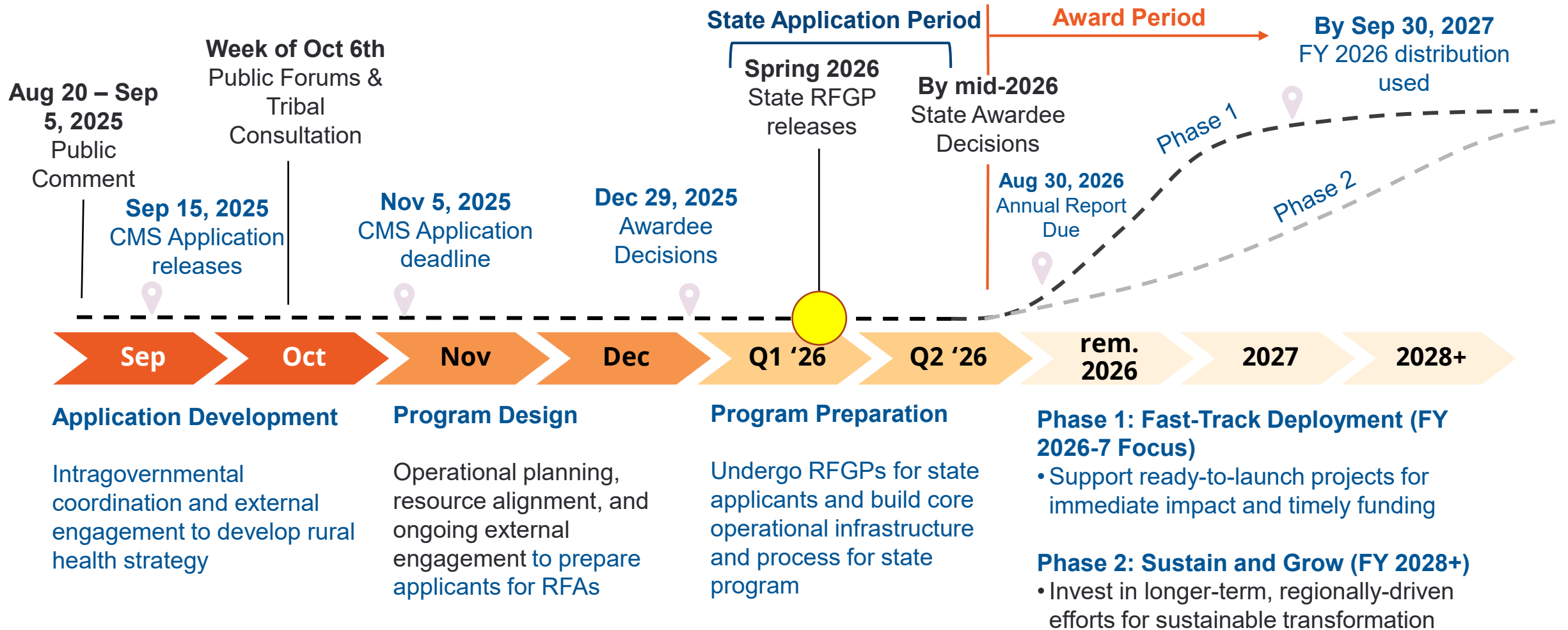


# CMS announced \$10B in awards to all 50 states

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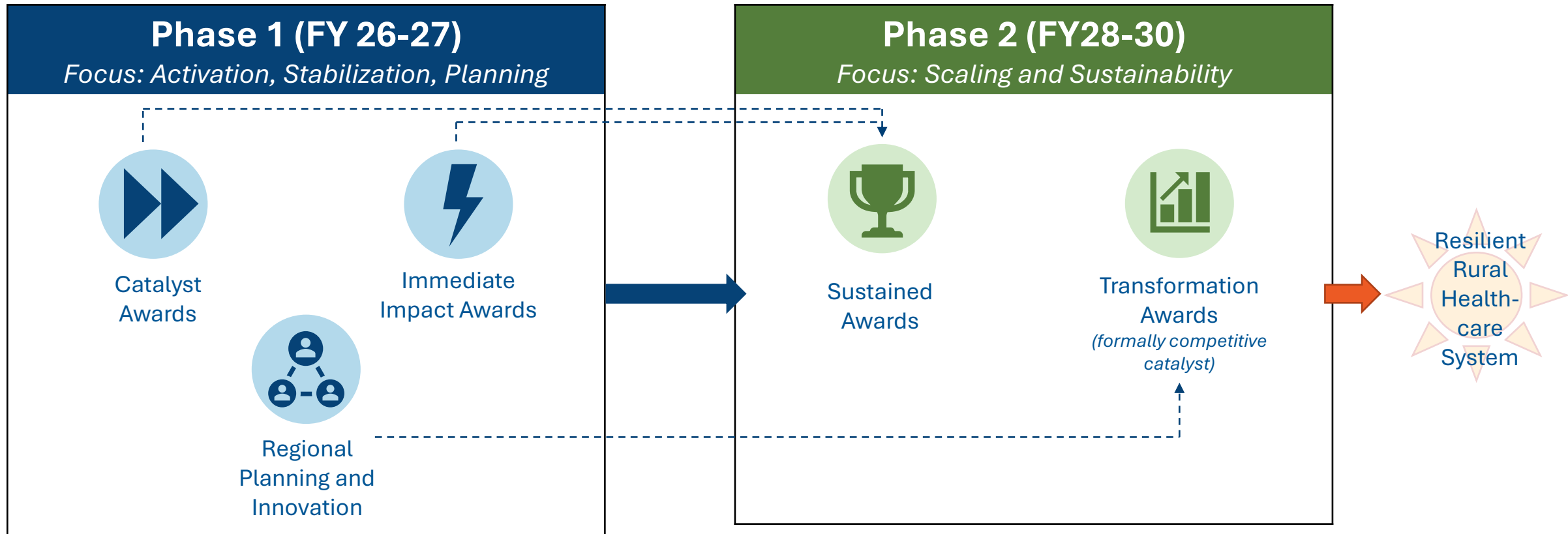
- On 12/29/25, CMS announced all 50 states will receive awards
- In 2026, first-year awards average \$200M, ranging \$147-281M
- **Oregon is receiving \$197.3M in 2026**
  - OHA submitted a revised budget on January 30, 2026
  - CMS unrestricted all funds on March 19, 2026
- If approved for a similar amount in subsequent years, Oregon will receive an estimated \$1B over the five-year grant period

# Oregon RHT Program Timeline and Phases



\*All dates are proposed and contingent on CMS award decisions.

# Oregon's Rural Health Transformation Journey



## Tribal Initiative Awards



# Public Engagement History

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- Initial public comment period ran from 8/20 to 9/12
  - 240 responses were collected.
  - Results informed OHA's scoping of the proposed initiatives and related activities.
- October's public survey was open from 10/8 to 10/15, following two public forums.
  - 180 responses were collected.
  - Results validated the direction of the State's proposed initiatives and informed the budget plan.
- "Intent to Apply" Survey fielded 11/25 to 12/29
  - 255 responses were collected. 384 projects were proposed.



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# Oregon's Transformation Plan Framework and Initiatives

# Oregon's RHTP Transformation Plan

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- **Goal:** We envision healthy rural communities where people, partners, and technology come together to build thriving communities of care – rooted in prevention, strengthened by regional collaboration, sustained by a resilient workforce, and guided by smart data for better health and well-being.
- **Anchor Strategies:** Oregon's rural health transformation will be anchored in the following focus areas:

<b>Improving Access and Outcomes</b>	<b>Technology and Data Driven Solutions</b>	<b>Workforce Innovation</b>	
<b>Financial Sustainability</b>			
<b>Strategic Partnerships</b>			

# Framing the Initiatives

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- **Integrate Public Comment Ideas:** Initiatives include consideration for projects submitted during public comment, ensuring responsiveness to community-identified needs and alignment with ongoing efforts.
- **Elevate What's Already Working:** Models and programs that have demonstrated success and clear timelines will be strongly considered as initiative projects, allowing for replication and scaling.
- **Invest in Sustainable Transformation:** Support ready-to-launch projects for immediate impact and longer-term, regionally-driven efforts for sustainable transformation.
- **Align with CMS Strategic Goals:** Each initiative is mapped to one or more CMS strategic goals (e.g., MAHA, sustainable access, workforce development, innovative care, and tech innovation) to ensure federal alignment and maximize scoring potential.

This approach allows for local solutions and innovation while maintaining state-level oversight and adaptability, ensuring funds are used effectively and within required timelines.

# Oregon's Five Initiatives

Regional Partnerships & System Transformation	Healthy Communities & Prevention	Workforce Capacity & Resilience	Technology & Data Modernization	Tribal Initiative
<p><b>Focus on building rural regional networks and shared services to accelerate long-term sustainable strategies</b></p>	<p><b>Focus on scaling successful delivery models and creating new health access points to rural counties</b></p>	<p><b>Focus on developing a broad workforce from training to professional development programs</b></p>	<p><b>Focus on expanding and connecting rural health systems to needed technologies and data infrastructure</b></p>	<p><b>Focus on supporting the Tribes with improving health access and outcomes</b></p>
<p><b>Example Use of Funds:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional convenings &amp; collaboratives</li> <li>Hub-and-spoke models</li> <li>Investment in Critical Access Hospitals</li> <li>Learning collaboratives</li> <li>Shared infrastructure, workforce, data</li> <li>Maternity care coalitions</li> <li>EMS modernization</li> <li>Standby Capacity Payments</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example Use of Funds:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanding access points</li> <li>Social health services</li> <li>Behavioral health integration</li> <li>Non-traditional models of care (e.g., digital tools and mobile vans)</li> <li>Chronic disease prevention</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example Use of Funds:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural residencies and fellowships</li> <li>Rural k-12 pathway programs</li> <li>Tele-mentoring and e-consults</li> <li>Training and certification of non-physician providers</li> <li>Recruitment incentives and family assistance</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example Use of Funds:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health IT system investments</li> <li>AI-enabled tech solutions</li> <li>Community-information exchange &amp; closed-loop referrals</li> <li>Cybersecurity</li> <li>Technical assistance for IT implementation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example Use of Funds:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen Tribal Health Systems</li> <li>Facility &amp; Infrastructure</li> <li>Behavioral health expansion</li> <li>“Grow Your Own” workforce programs</li> <li>Consumer-facing tech tools for managing chronic disease</li> <li>IT support and EHR upgrades</li> </ul>

# Recent and Upcoming Milestones

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- Immediate Impact Awards Announced: April 10, 2026
- Catalyst Awards RFGP Opens: April 10, 2026
- Catalyst Awards RFGP Closes: May 26, 2026
- Catalyst Awards Announced: By Mid-2026
- Vendor Roadshow: October 7-9 2026

For more information, visit OHA's RHTP website:

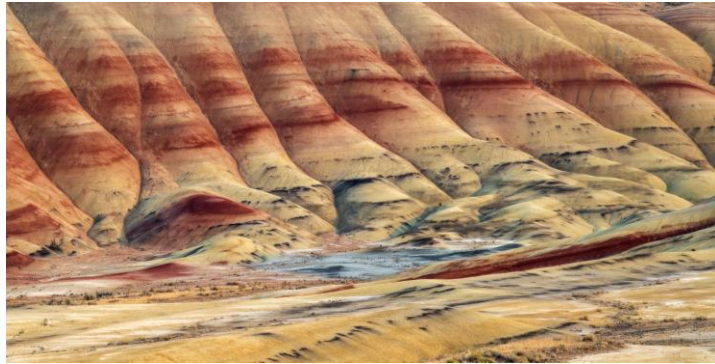
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# Racial Equity Impact Statements (REIS) Overview



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4/15/26

Department of Administrative Services

# REIS Background

# What is an REIS?

**ORS 291.206:** “As supplemental information, each agency request budget shall include a racial impact statement, which must be developed in consultation with the Racial Justice Council.

The racial impact statement must describe the impact of programs, policies and budget modifications on Oregonians who are Black, Indigenous or other people of color.

[Amended by 1969 c.173 §1; 2016 c.117 §15; 2021 c.612 §4]”

# REIS Workgroup

## RJC

- Kim McCarty
- Dr. Jimmy Howard
- Latiffe Amado
- John Washington
- Paul Solomon
- Marin Arreola

## Agencies

- Bryant Campbell (Consumer & Business Affairs)
- Morgan Spencer (Business Oregon)
- Larry Warren (Marine Board)
- Dion Jordan (Human Services)
- Teresa Rainey (Employment)

## CFO Analysts

- Tamara Brickman
- Jason Trombley
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- Kat Walter
- Angela Parada
- Paul Johnson

## GOV & OCC

- Javier Cervantes
- Andre Bealer
- Tobias Sherwood
- Melinda Gross

# The REIS “Why” and Outcomes

An REIS ensures budget investments and reductions are evaluated for racial equity impacts during the budgeting process, so communities historically harmed or excluded are not disproportionately burdened by budget decisions.

## **Outcomes:**

- Budget decisions are meaningfully reshaped
- Community voice informs decisions earlier
- Accountability is strengthened across the budget lifecycle

# Conversation With the DOJ

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REIS as  
Analysis

Other  
Groups

Mitigation &  
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# Examples of Higher-Risk Draft Questions

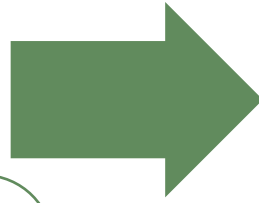
- How does this budget request direct resources toward communities disproportionately impacted by inequities?
- What percentage of funding will directly benefit impacted communities? Describe your plan for mitigating any potential negative impacts to racial equity related to this POP.
- What happens if equity goals are not met?
- How did you modify, change or adapt your POP because of what you learned from this REIS process?

REIS: Previous Years

# REIS: Previous Years

2023-25

- 27 Agencies, Program Specific
- 38 Questions ([Appendix I, State of OR Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan](#))
- In-Depth Presentations to the RJC and Feedback



2025-27

- All Executive Branch Agencies (~80), Agency Specific
- 4 Questions (adapted from [Appendix I, State of OR Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan](#))
- DEI Plan Submission
- Affirmative Action Plan Submission
- Progress report for the 27 agencies who submitted an REIS the prior biennium
- OCC Analysis integrated into CFO Budget Analyst recommendations

# REIS Instructions

2027-29 Budget

# REIS Instructions

## Complete the Agency REIS questions worksheet

- As it applies to agency-wide strategic mission, goals and programs

## Complete the POP REIS questions worksheet

- For every POP proposed
- If additional revenue becomes available through the Governor's Recommended Budget

## Complete the Program REIS questions worksheet (if no POPs are proposed)

- Only if no POPs are proposed

## Submit a copy of the agency's DEI Plan and Affirmative Action Plan

The Racial Justice Council (RJC) may reach out to your agency to request a presentation on your REIS

# REIS Worksheet: Agency Questions

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# REIS Worksheet: Agency

**To fill out this worksheet, download it from the [Budget Instruction Forms](#) website.**

Executive leadership: Please answer the following questions regarding your agency's strategic mission, goals and programs. To fill out this worksheet, download a copy and type your answers under each question.

1. Who is completing this agency REIS?
2. Does your agency have a DEIB practitioner? (Yes or No)
  - a. If yes, describe how you collaborated with them on this REIS.
  - b. If you did not collaborate with them, why not?
3. How do the agency's mission, goals and programs impact racial equity?
4. What barriers exist in your agency's mission, goals, and programs that could hinder the advancement of racial equity?
5. What opportunities exist in your agency's mission, goals, and programs that could help advance racial equity?
6. How is community voice included in your assessments of progress, equity, and racial disparities?
7. What measures are you using to track equity changes over time?
8. Describe any racial disparities or trends you are noticing across your agency, programs, and data.

# REIS Worksheet: POP Questions

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# REIS Worksheet: POP & Program

To fill out this worksheet, download it from the [Budget Instruction Forms](#) website.

Program managers responsible for the POP: Please answer the questions below for every POP being proposed in your agency request budget. To fill out this worksheet, download a copy of this worksheet and type your answers below each question.

## **Program Overview**

1. Please describe the POP being proposed.
2. Why is the POP being proposed?

## **Consultation**

3. Who is completing this REIS?
4. Who is responsible for tracking equity outcomes? What method(s) are they using to track outcomes?

# REIS Worksheet: POP & Program

## Consultation (continued)

5. Does your agency have a DEIB practitioner (Yes or no)?
  - a. If yes, describe how you collaborated with them on this REIS.
  - b. If they were not involved in the development of this REIS, please explain why. Describe what you did instead to incorporate equity expertise and community input (e.g. listening sessions, advisory review, analysis of existing community feedback, partnering with trusted community partners, etc.).
  
6. Did you collaborate with your agency's data analysts, community engagement managers, outreach managers, and/or others that regularly interact with underserved and marginalized communities on this REIS? (Yes, no, or not applicable)
  - a. If yes, describe how you collaborated with them on this REIS.
  - b. If they were not involved in the development of this REIS, please explain why. Describe what you did instead to incorporate equity expertise and community input (e.g. listening sessions, advisory review, analysis of existing community feedback, partnering with trusted community partners, etc.).

# REIS Worksheet: POP & Program

## **Community Engagement and Data**

7. Identify the specific racial groups and communities that may be impacted by this POP, both directly and indirectly. In your answer, include responses to the following questions:
  - a. How did you identify these impacted groups?
  - b. What data are you using to validate your assessment? If possible, use outreach and engagement feedback to gather information and insight.
  - c. If possible, disaggregate the data by race, ethnicity, geography, income level, and other relevant characteristics. If disaggregated data is not available, please describe why.
  - d. How are communities impacted by this POP? What are the disproportionate impacts? Please be specific.

# REIS Worksheet: POP & Program

## **Community Engagement and Data (continued)**

8. How did you ensure multiple perspectives were part of the decision-making process for this POP? In your answer, include responses to the following questions:
  - a. Identify how you have or are planning to engage multiple perspectives and impacted groups to provide feedback on this POP (e.g. program design, budget, policy decisions, etc.). Please give specific examples.
  - b. If community engagement is not part of your approach, please explain why and what you did instead to incorporate community perspectives. In your response, describe: the decision-making process used to determine engagement was not feasible or appropriate, the specific barriers (beyond general time or capacity), and how you mitigated the risk of missing community input (e.g. using existing feedback, partnering with trusted organizations, review from advisory bodies, etc.).

# REIS Worksheet: POP & Program

## **Impacts and Accountability**

9. If this POP is not funded, please describe:
  - a. Which racial or ethnic communities would be most impacted.
  - b. How disparities would likely persist or worsen.
10. Who will be monitoring racial equity outcomes over time for this POP?
  - a. How will progress be reported?
  - b. How will leadership be informed of equity impacts?
  - c. How will the community be involved in monitoring outcomes?

# Recommendations

# Presentation Recommendations

- Choose a small number of agencies to present their REIS
- Choose 1 POP (or a small number) for an REIS analysis
- Be clear around:
  - Expectations
  - Hoped for outcomes (e.g. – feedback from the RJC to integrate into agency request budgets)
  - Who is presenting (e.g. – Agency director, DEIB practitioner, etc.)
  - What information should be shared
- If you would like to hear from agencies about decisions related to the REIS, center conversation rather than writing
- NOTE: Agencies won't fully complete their REIS until Aug./Sept.



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# Human Services Legislative Summary | 2026

Regular Session of the 84th  
Oregon Legislative Assembly



# From the Director



The 2026 session of the Oregon Legislative Assembly concluded on March 6, and I want to take a moment to share its key outcomes for the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) and the people we serve.

This was a session defined by two significant challenges: the need to secure resources to implement [sweeping federal changes](#) under House Resolution 1 (HR 1), and the need to navigate a statewide budget shortfall requiring reductions across all Oregon agencies. I'm pleased to report that ODHS emerged from the session in a relatively strong position on both fronts.

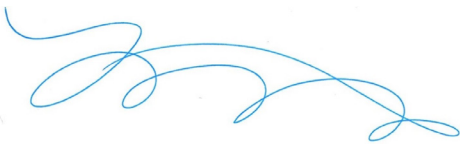
HR 1 represents one of the most consequential shifts to federal safety net programs in a generation, with far-reaching changes to SNAP and Medicaid that will affect hundreds of thousands of Oregonians. **Our top legislative priority for 2026 was [securing the necessary funding and staffing to implement these changes and minimize harm to the people we serve](#).** Lawmakers heard us, and the resources they approved this session will allow us to meet new federal requirements while continuing to serve Oregonians with the care and accuracy they deserve.

ODHS, like all state agencies, also absorbed reductions as part of Oregon's response to the statewide shortfall. I am grateful that we were able to navigate these reductions without any layoffs or cuts to services. You can read more about the reductions, as well as the HR 1 package and other key legislative outcomes, in the pages that follow.

Securing resources for HR 1 implementation in a challenging budget environment required sustained, coordinated effort, and I am deeply grateful to everyone who made it possible. Governor Kotek's leadership and partnership were instrumental at every stage of the session. I also want to express my sincere gratitude to the lawmakers, and particularly to the members of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, who took the time to understand the real-world impacts on the people we serve and entrusted ODHS with the resources we need to meet the moment. To our community and labor partners: your advocacy and engagement helped ensure legislators understood what was truly at stake, and we are deeply grateful for your collaboration throughout this process. And finally, to the ODHS staff who worked in close

partnership with the Legislature, Governor's Office, and community — thank you. This was a collective effort, and its success reflects your dedication to people in Oregon.

The work ahead is significant, and I won't minimize that. But I have every confidence in the staff and partners who will help bring the Legislature's investments to life in the months ahead.



**Liesl M. Wendt**

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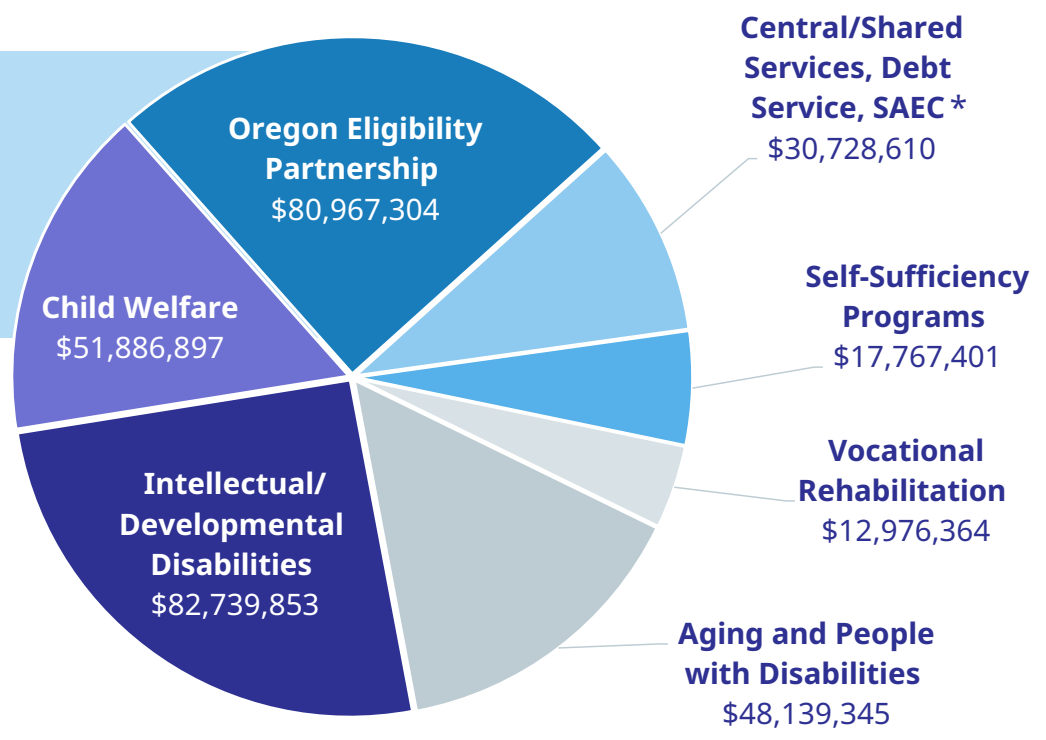
# Budget Summary

[House Bill 5204](#), the 2026 session's statewide budget bill, adjusted ODHS' 2025-27 budget by **\$325.2 million General Fund (GF)**, representing a **4.3% GF increase** over the budget the Legislature adopted during the 2025 session.



	General Fund	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
<b>ODHS Legislatively Adopted Budget (Jul 2025)</b>	\$7,456,846,684	\$1,304,300,928	\$14,244,129,234	\$23,005,276,846
<b>HB 5204 Changes</b>	\$325,205,774	\$55,793,755	\$361,917,250	\$742,916,779
<b>ODHS Legislatively Approved Budget (Feb 2026)</b>	\$7,782,052,458	\$1,360,094,683	\$14,606,046,484	\$23,748,193,625

## HB 5204 Adjustments by Program (General Fund)



\*State assessments and enterprise-wide costs

# Budget Highlights

## HR 1 implementation

The most consequential adjustment for ODHS was the addition of **\$111 million General Fund\* and 392 positions** to begin implementing HR 1, a federal resolution passed in July 2025 that makes far-reaching changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid — mandating more frequent eligibility checks, creating new eligibility restrictions, and significantly increasing costs for the state. The dollars will cover:

- **More eligibility staff along with technology upgrades** to handle HR 1's increased SNAP screening and verification requirements while improving accuracy.
- **Staffing and other resources to handle verifications and exemptions** related to new Medicaid work requirements.
- **Higher SNAP administrative costs** that HR1 requires states to take on.
- **Updating SNAP EBT cards using smart chip technology** — a much-needed security improvement that will help protect Oregonians' essential food benefits.\*\*

## Budget rebalance

The Joint Ways and Means Human Services Subcommittee approved ODHS' first financial rebalance of the 2025-27 biennium, resulting in a net increase of **\$91.1 million and a net of 10 new positions**. The rebalance primarily reflects growth in caseload compared to spring 2025 forecasts as well as cost-per-case and Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) changes that have emerged since the 2025-27 budget was adopted last year.

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\*Unless otherwise specified, all figures are state General Fund (vs. federal or other funds).

\*\*While improving EBT card security is not federally required as part of HR 1 implementation, HR 1 increases the urgency of completing these upgrades now, before the state's required administrative cost share jumps in October 2026.

Additional increases include **\$17.4 million** to cover compensation increases for more than 3,200 ODHS workers resulting from a 2024 classification study, and **\$7.8 million** to cover a federal penalty related to the state's 2023 SNAP payment error rate.

## Budget reductions

House Bill 5204 also identifies reductions for state agencies as part of Oregon's broader effort to address a statewide budget shortfall. At ODHS and across other agencies, these reductions are drawn primarily from job vacancy savings and a hiring pause — tools that allow lawmakers to balance the budget without cutting services or eliminating positions. Additional reductions in the Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) and ODDS reflect updated cost estimates and program adjustments, including delayed implementation of Agency with Choice. Taken together, **ODHS' reductions amount to \$34.5 million.**

## Additional adjustments

The subcommittee also approved:

- **A \$74.7 million appropriation to cover the cost of collective bargaining agreements** for the more than 26,000 personal support workers and home care workers who serve an estimated 32,000 Oregonians monthly.
- **\$2 million in one-time grants to refugee resettlement agencies and culturally specific community organizations** to provide financial assistance, case management, and navigation services to lawfully present immigrants and refugees who lost SNAP and/or Medicaid eligibility under HR 1. While the grant funding cannot fully offset the loss of these essential benefits, it does provide critical transitional support as families work to gain Lawful Permanent Resident status and re-establish eligibility.
- **A one-time \$3.5 million increase to Self-Sufficiency Programs** to maintain distributions to the Domestic Violence Fund and the Sexual Assault Victims Fund – funds traditionally supported by the Criminal Fines Account, which has recently seen lower-than-anticipated revenue.

# Key Policy Bills

The following are key bills passed during the 2026 regular legislative session that will influence the policy landscape moving forward, with direct or indirect impacts on ODHS and the and the people we serve.

- [House Bill \(HB\) 4016](#) requires public contractors to certify and maintain tax compliance in order to execute a public contract. While not exclusively a human services bill, it affects the administrative environment in which ODHS engages external vendors and contractors — a significant consideration given the agency’s reliance on private vendors to deliver health care, social services, and support. The new certification requirement may affect which organizations are eligible to hold or renew contracts, and ODHS will need to update its procurement processes accordingly to verify tax compliance and ensure adherence to the law.
- [HB 4040](#), a wide-ranging healthcare bill primarily impacting the Oregon Health Authority, includes one provision relevant to ODHS: it allows parents who provide services to their children with I/DD through the Children’s Extraordinary Needs Waiver to do so as Personal Support Workers, rather than requiring them to be employed by an agency provider as previously required. ODHS requested no funding for the technology changes needed to implement this provision, so implementation will likely be delayed as other technological priorities are addressed.
- [HB 4057](#) directs the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to provide information on publicly funded childcare programs and resources to individuals eligible for the Employment Related Day Care Subsidy (ERDC), and authorizes ODHS to share this information on DELIC’s behalf. The bill aims to help address DELIC’s projected budget deficit and reduce the waitlist for ERDC-eligible families by connecting them with other available publicly funded childcare options. However, it does not address the ongoing shortage of childcare access in the 19 counties currently considered childcare deserts.
- [HB 4115](#) makes several technical and operational changes to background check and provider enrollment processes affecting both ODHS and OHA. The bill is intended to streamline background checks and reduce administrative burden on providers and agencies. Additionally, it will improve workforce mobility across care settings while maintaining safety protections for vulnerable populations.

- [HB 4121](#) establishes a statewide emergency preparedness office and framework for coordinating emergency management across Oregon. For ODHS, the bill updates the definition of resilience hubs and networks — transitioning to the term “resilience networks” — and broadens the types of supports ODHS can provide within those networks. It also brings ODHS into a data sharing agreement tied to relevant grant programs and expands the agency’s role in the grant application process in coordination with the Office of Emergency Management.
- [Senate Bill \(SB\) 1532](#) is an omnibus bill with several provisions affecting ODHS programs. It gives APD additional time to implement safety and regulatory changes stemming from SB 739 (2025), while providing APD greater discretion in determining when a license condition is warranted. The bill also directs ODDS to establish a differentiated rate for agencies that employ caregivers who live with the individuals they serve. Finally, it expands Child Welfare’s authority to place children out of state in specific circumstances, including placement in an out-of-state relative foster home, placement in an out-of-state eating disorder treatment program, and placement of a Tribal child in a setting approved by the child’s Tribal leadership.
- [SB 1533](#) aligns with ODHS’ goal of protecting youth in foster care and ensuring clarity surrounding their rights by modifying the Oregon Foster Children’s Bill of Rights and the Oregon Foster Children’s Sibling Bill of Rights.
- [SB 1535](#) gives the Early Learning Council the authority to modify the priority access currently granted to families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) subsidy program. Under current statute, families receiving TANF bypass the ERDC waitlist — a provision established by HB 3073 (2021). However, high demand and limited funding have strained the ERDC program’s budget. SB 1535 makes that waitlist bypass optional rather than mandatory, giving the council the flexibility to temporarily pause it when needed to control caseload growth and keep the program within budget.
- [SB 1538](#) requires district school boards to admit all students to all schools and instructional programs of the school district. The bill codifies students as a protected class within the school system.

- [SB 1594](#) requires the Department of Justice to consult with the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement when the department develops, reviews or updates model policies intended to limit immigration enforcement at public facilities. OIRA will have a more prominent role in advising on policy across different state agencies.



# Tracked Bills at a Glance\*

Bill	Summary	Effective
<a href="#">HB 4007</a>	Defines “powered micromobility device” for the vehicle code.	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">HB 4012</a>	Directs the Construction Contractors Board to work with the Bureau of Labor and Industries on a targeted assessment of unlicensed labor use at construction sites.	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">HB 4016</a>	Requires public contractors to certify and maintain tax compliance to execute a public contract.	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">HB 4021</a>	Changes effective date and notice requirements for certain permanent agency rules.	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">HB 4022</a>	Establishes the Oregon Imagination Library Program to provide monthly free books to eligible children and support literacy and school readiness.	January 1, 2027
<a href="#">HB 4033</a>	Transfers the ORVID volunteer database from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management.	Upon passage
<a href="#">HB 4035</a>	Expands eligibility for cities and Metro to amend their urban growth boundaries.	Upon passage

\*This list is limited to passed bills identified as high-priority by ODHS.

Bill	Summary	Effective
<a href="#">HB 4036</a>	Creates the Housing Opportunity, Longevity and Durability Fund to use Article XI-Q bonds for preserving at-risk affordable housing.	Upon passage
<a href="#">HB 4037</a>	Adjusts certain terms of the revolving loan program for cities and counties to fund affordable housing projects.	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">HB 4039</a>	Requires the Oregon Health Authority to establish a transparent, data-driven process for coordinated care organization capitation rates.	Upon passage
<a href="#">HB 4040</a>	Modifies the requirements for screening a hospital patient for presumptive eligibility for financial assistance.	Upon passage
<a href="#">HB 4043</a>	Authorizes the State Treasurer to issue Article XI-Q general obligation bonds to finance renovation or expansion of courthouses.	January 1, 2027
<a href="#">HB 4045</a>	Requires social media platforms to respond to stalking or domestic violence warrants within 72 hours, and other providers within five business days.	Upon passage
<a href="#">HB 4047</a>	Requires the Oregon Health Authority to adopt rules allowing hospitals to apply for a rural emergency hospital license.	June 5, 2026

Bill	Summary	Effective
<a href="#">HB 4053</a>	Establishes the Emergency Medical Services Program Fund.	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">HB 4057</a>	Requires the Department of Early Learning and Care to provide standardized information on all public early learning programs to ERDC applicants and waitlisted families.	Upon passage
<a href="#">HB 4060</a>	Exempts large facilities over one million square feet from the fluorescent lamp sales ban until January 1, 2030.	Upon passage
<a href="#">HB 4068</a>	Modifies the definition of “transition aged youth residential treatment home”.	Upon passage
<a href="#">HB 4069</a>	Requires behavioral health employers to implement a written safety plan for employee physical safety.	July 1, 2027
<a href="#">HB 4070</a>	Requires the Oregon Health Authority and coordinated care organizations to ensure behavioral health access and limits are comparable to medical and surgical care in Medicaid.	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">HB 4075</a>	Requires the State Treasurer to use up to \$44 million from the Unclaimed Property and Estates Fund to guarantee a loan made to a rural hospital for financial stabilization.	Upon passage

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<a href="#">HB 4079</a>	Requires school and higher education boards to adopt policies for responding to federal immigration authorities on campus.	September 30, 2026
<a href="#">HB 4082</a>	Allows cities or Metro to add sites for manufactured housing or affordable senior housing to the temporary UGB addition program.	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">HB 4083</a>	Requires the Oregon Health Authority to adopt a uniform behavioral health provider credentialing process and select an electronic system by June 30, 2027.	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">HB 4088</a>	Declares this state's policy to protect engagement in certain activities relating to reproductive health care and gender-affirming treatment.	Upon passage
<a href="#">HB 4089</a>	Modifies the crime of theft of services to include partial payments.	January 1, 2027
<a href="#">HB 4092</a>	Prohibits retailers and retail platforms from selling or advertising child safety systems that fail to meet federal or state Department of Transportation standards.	January 1, 2027
<a href="#">HB 4111</a>	Prohibits using a party's or witness's immigration status as evidence in civil cases.	June 5, 2026

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<a href="#">HB 4114</a>	Creates a civil cause of action against individuals who enter property without a warrant or legal exception.	Upon passage
<a href="#">HB 4115</a>	Provides that a criminal records check on certain caregivers shall last for three years, subject to exceptions.	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">HB 4121</a>	Creates authority to coordinate emergency management.	January 1, 2027
<a href="#">HB 4123</a>	Limits the circumstances under which a landlord may disclose confidential information.	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">HB 4124</a>	Directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to study Oregon's post-secondary system and recommend a superior institutional framework.	Upon passage
<a href="#">HB 4127</a>	Requires the Oregon Health Authority to create a payment mechanism for nonprofit reproductive health providers ineligible for federal Medicaid funds.	Upon passage
<a href="#">HB 4128</a>	Prohibits covered entities from buying single-family homes unless listed publicly for at least 90 days.	January 1, 2027

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<a href="#">HB 4132</a>	Requires the director to be a veteran who has received a discharge or release under other than dishonorable conditions.	July 1, 2026
<a href="#">HB 4138</a>	Requires law enforcement agencies to require officers to wear uniforms with specified identifying information.	Upon passage
<a href="#">HB 4149</a>	Requires school districts to adopt policies for immediate enrollment, placement, and services for homeless students.	January 1, 2027
<a href="#">HB 4153</a>	Allows counties to approve farm stores as nonfarm use on lands zoned for farm use.	January 1, 2027
<a href="#">HB 4154</a>	Requires the compilation of data about student attendance.	Upon passage
<a href="#">HB 4156</a>	Modifies the requirements for Medicaid supplemental reimbursements paid to emergency medical services providers.	Upon passage
<a href="#">HB 4157</a>	Allows certain hearsay statements in sex crime cases even if the declarant is available to testify.	June 5, 2026

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<a href="#">HB 4177</a>	Restates the serial communications prohibitions for public meetings law purposes.	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">HB 5204</a>	Establishes and modifies certain General Fund biennial appropriations to state agencies and the Emergency Board.	Upon passage
<a href="#">SB 1510</a>	Updates terminology for certain multinational corporate income to match federal law.	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">SB 1512</a>	Expands the goals and purposes of the Prosperity 10,000 Program.	January 1, 2027
<a href="#">SB 1518</a>	Clarifies the meaning of “companionship services” for purposes of minimum wage and overtime requirements.	January 1, 2027
<a href="#">SB 1519</a>	Changes the formula for determining permanent and temporary total disability compensation.	January 1, 2027
<a href="#">SB 1532</a>	Adds requirements for imposing license conditions on residential and long-term care facilities after immediate jeopardy findings.	Upon passage

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<a href="#">SB 1533</a>	Modifies the Oregon Foster Children’s Bill of Rights and the Oregon Foster Children’s Sibling Bill of Rights.	Upon passage
<a href="#">SB 1535</a>	Allows the Early Learning Council to modify TANF family priority for the ERDC subsidy program.	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">SB 1538</a>	Requires district school boards to admit all students to all schools of the school district.	July 1, 2026
<a href="#">SB 1546</a>	Requires AI companion platforms to notify users when they are interacting with AI if it could be mistaken for a human.	January 1, 2027
<a href="#">SB 1567</a>	Authorizes the Housing and Community Services Department to fund mixed income housing.	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">SB 1568</a>	Establishes doula coverage levels for Medicaid and health plans covering pregnancy and childbirth.	Upon passage
<a href="#">SB 1570</a>	Requires hospitals to adopt policies for responding to law enforcement and designate nonpublic areas.	June 5, 2026

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<a href="#">SB 1571</a>	Adds a definition of “nicotine” and expands the definition of “tobacco products.”	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">SB 1575</a>	Adds new requirements for obtaining an initial license to operate and maintain a hospice program.	Upon passage
<a href="#">SB 1576</a>	Requires building code rules to meet Fair Housing Act accessibility requirements.	June 5, 2026
<a href="#">SB 1594</a>	Requires the Department of Justice to consult the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement on model policies limiting immigration enforcement at public facilities.	Upon passage
<a href="#">SB 1595</a>	Requires licensing boards to publish licensure guidance and provide culturally responsive staff training by January 1, 2028.	Upon passage
<a href="#">SB 1598</a>	Requires certain health plans to cover preventive services per federal rules as of June 30, 2025, and future Public Health Officer–recommended immunizations.	Upon passage

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