



Agenda/Notes  
**Office of Governor Kotek — Racial Justice Council (RJC)**  
**August 05, 2025 – Zoom Webinar**  
**Optional RJC Meeting re Federal Budget Bill Updates**  
**4:00 – 4:45 p.m.**

**CHAIR**

E	Governor Tina Kotek
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**MEMBERS**

	Ana Molina		Jimmy Howard	X	Matt Newell-Ching
	Angela Uherbelau	X	Josie Silverman-Mendez	X	Melinda Del Rio
	Annie Valtierra-Sanchez		John Washington	X	Mark Jackson
	Ciara Pressler		Kim McCarty	X	Paul Solomon
X	Cynthia Richardson		Latiffe Amado		Perla Medina Alvarez Lucio
	James Cador	X	Marcus C Mundy		Reyna Lopez
X	Janice Mason	X	Maria Elena Guerra “Meg”		Shay Huber
X	James Alan Parker		Marin Arreola	X	Tristen Edwards
	Jenny Pool Radway		Marisa/Mariesa Zapata		

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

X	Andre Bealer	X	Javier Cervantes		Shana McConville
X	Ami Goswami		Jesse Hyatt		Svetha Ambati
	Amy Schlusser		Johnna Timmes		Taylor Smiley Wolfe
	Anca Matica		Johnna Papaefthimiou		Valerie Colas
	Aimee Fritsch		Jim McKenna		Vince Porter
	Bob Livingston	X	KC Ledell		Yasmin Solorio
	Chris Warner		Kelly Brooks	X	Kate Nass
	Doug Grafe	X	Kristina Narayan	X	Rachael Moser
	Danny Moran	X	Matthew Tschabold	X	Constantin Severe
X	Rachel Currans-Henry		Maya Crawford Peacock	X	Brandy Hemsley
	Erik Cole	X	Morgan Gratz-Weiser		April Rohman

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/ Action Items
<b>Welcome (5 min)</b>	<b>Andre:</b> Governor has directed agencies to implement plans to see where they have flexibility to make choices relating to HR1. They will be consulting key stakeholders, including RJC, to minimize negative impacts. The Governor’s Office is working closely with legislature to ensure alignment. We are doing the best with what we can. Your input will be crucial to ensure we hear from you all to incorporate that feedback.	
<b>Federal Budget Bill Updates – Andre Bealer &amp; Kate Nass</b>  <b>(30 Mins)</b>	<b>Kate Nass:</b> Given the information that we have in the bill, we can only do so much analysis. We have to see what the federal agencies are going to do, how they're going to implement it at the federal level, and then we'll know more about the details.  But because we needed a picture, Oregon state agencies responded to us	

with, by section or by provision of the bill, what they thought would be the impact of an annual impact and implementation date. This gives us an idea if it's something that starts with federal fiscal year 2026, the new calendar year, or something further out. It may not come to the states until maybe 2027 or 2028 depending on how it works federally.

We've worked with agencies to get information from them on each of what their impacts for a good sense of where we need to focus our efforts. Most of the impact is on the Medicaid program, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for food Assistance (SNAP).

Unfortunately, we can't backfill everything, so this could mean that individuals or households may no longer be eligible for SNAP because of the different eligibility requirements the federal government is putting into place.

We currently split the administrative costs of the SNAP program at 50% state funds and 50% federal funds. One of the provisions in the bill flips that to 75-25 meaning that we now pick up 25% more of the cost of administration of the SNAP program. We are looking at north of a billion dollar impact.

The big shift is how the federal government is considering "able bodied adults without dependents". Currently individuals that are put in that kind of classification are up to age 54 and with no dependent that is 18 or less. They're broadening that, so now it's up to age 65 with no dependent kids under the age of 14. That means there's a number of people that are currently receiving SNAP that may not be able to because they'll fall to this classification. Another key component is what I just talked about is the administrative cost share from 50/50 to 75/25 that is a pretty significant amount.

On the Medicaid side one of the biggest components is the eligibility of the Medicaid expansion. We are currently moving redetermination efforts every two years and the provision in the bill right now moves it to every six months. As people come off or on to work or income, they may lose eligibility of the Medicaid program and come back on but there's going to be gaps of coverage.

With financing Medicaid, we rely on provider taxes and state directed payments. Some of the provisions limit the use of being able to rely on those to help pay for our Medicaid system and our Medicaid programs. We just extended the provider tax, one of the provisions is reducing our ability to just rely on that provider tax extension.

Decrease in funding is the work requirements for the Medicaid expansion program and what that looks like now. The state has some choices of how we implement that and those are conversations that need to be had still but the concept or the provision that there has to be work requirements for our Medicaid program could well impact how people are accessing coverage because of those work requirements. That does actually start in the current biennium. That will have an impact depending on how that's implemented in our 23-25 budget.

	<p>On the Medicaid side, the Rural Health Transformation Program which is giving across the states \$50 billion for hospitals and health systems in rural parts of the country, part of that funding is distributed based on population in rural counties or rural parts of the country and then other parts will be determined by the administration at the federal level but that actually is a plus or an increase in federal funding to rural health care system. It's about \$100M per year, but at least it is an increase.</p> <p>Public safety - there was a funding rescission to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the state police, relating to the marine fisheries team at state police - that funding is no longer available and we'll have to work with state police on what that looks on going.</p> <p>The Department of Forestry is losing funding for the Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program. Additionally, the Department of Transportation's I-5 rose quarter improvement project, the \$412 million that was supporting that program, is no longer available. Lastly, we have the State Library. They noted that their library services and technology act funding is going to go away, which funds staff at the state library and also goes out to grants to communities across the state.</p> <p>That is what the analysis document will show. It's outlined where there is a summary table, with some description, and see line by line. I can't underscore its not meant to be a budget document, it's really meant to see how much less is coming based on this bill. This does lead to a next step on budget adjustments, but as we release and discuss we were wanting to give background.</p> <p><b>Andre:</b> Thank you, Kate.</p>	
<p><b>Questions</b> <b>(10 mins)</b></p>	<p><b>Mark:</b> Is it possible to get a one-pager to talking point to what you talked about?</p> <p><b>Andre:</b> Information will be made available later this week and can share it out.</p> <p><b>Paul:</b> Timing, you referenced billion in 25-27 biennium. Are there pieces that will take effect right away? Another question is eligibility requirements under the age of 54, most concerned about those releasing from prison – if they will still be eligible? Third, on 11-15 waiver that was paused who are now eligible for Medicaid benefits 90 days prior to release, do you have insights on why it was paused even though it was approved by CMS?</p> <p><b>Kate:</b> On timing, there are some provisions that are sooner than others. On able bodied adults, that is something starting fairly quickly.</p> <p><b>Rachel Currans Henry:</b> The tricky part is able bodied adults doesn't have an effective date in the bill, which means its technically immediate, we are taking the policy position until we get notice and know more. That includes coverage policy and able-bodied definition.</p> <p><b>Paul:</b> Would somebody coming out of prison, who is homeless and indigent, fall into the bill that they are no longer eligible?</p>	

	<p><b>Andre:</b> We can follow up with you Paul.</p> <p><b>Kate:</b> We don't know yet but will follow up.</p> <p><b>Paul:</b> Any insights on 11-15 roll out?</p> <p><b>Kate:</b> I don't have any info, might want to work with Rachel and Kristina on that one.</p> <p><b>Matt:</b> So billion is everything, do you break it down by losses in benefit amounts? Estimating how many people will lose benefits is hard. In the analysis will those numbers be broken out?</p> <p><b>Kate:</b> It will show by provision the federal fund loss impact. I wish we could get to that level of detail, but we need a little bit more time to work through all the details of that part.</p> <p><b>Melinda:</b> There was a recent EO signed around forcing treatment around individuals who are houseless. A lot of those individuals would qualify for Medicaid. Not sure if that impacts the budget or if that would be a different response for Oregon?</p> <p><b>Kate:</b> This analysis doesn't contemplate that EO. I haven't done an analysis on the EO and what that means based on services that are part of that EO and how it's impacted by this bill. I see that connection you're making but don't know quite yet.... More to come.</p> <p><b>Tristen:</b> I'm just trying to ground myself and in future impacts for some of the policies and budget issues that our committees work on. I'm wondering the expectation moving forward, just going into the short session, and you know the long session in 2027 - is the expectation going to be that budgets are just going to be really tight for the foreseeable future and you know basically everything is going to be running out of deficit not just these programs that are directly impacted by the bill?</p> <p><b>Kate:</b> The end of August is when the next revenue forecast will come out which will kind of give us another indication of where we're at.</p>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	<p><b>Andre:</b> Later this week there will be written information to be shared out. Feel free to reach out to me or my team should other questions come up and we will track that down for you. We have a short session to focus on, and this helps to round out the picture to how we need to think going into session and as we have conversations in the lead up and maintaining best we can focus on what we have.</p> <p><i>Meeting is adjourned at 4:32pm.</i></p>	

<b>Materials</b>	None
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## **Zoom Chat**

15:57:25 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov. Office (She/her) to Hosts and panelists:

- Welcome (5 min)
- Federal budget bill updates - Andre Bealer & Kate Nass (30 mins)
- Questions (10 mins)
- Adjourn

16:13:52 From kristina narayan\* OR Gov to Hosts and panelists:

Here til 4:20 but happy to take f/up questions offline from health/human services sub folks if we don't get to it today.

16:32:09 From Melinda (she/ her/ ella) to Hosts and panelists:

Have to jump off now. Thank you!

16:32:41 From FHDC & Evolve to Hosts and panelists:

Thank you Kate....

16:32:56 From James Alan Parker to Hosts and panelists:

Thank you all

16:32:57 From FHDC & Evolve to Hosts and panelists:

Andre please tell us how we can support more

16:33:01 From Jan Mason to Hosts and panelists:

Thanks you!