



Agenda/Notes
Office of Governor Tina Kotek
RJC Housing and Homelessness Committee
August 15, 2025 – Zoom
2:30pm – 4:00pm

MEMBERS

	Chris Bonner	X	Jimmy Jones	X	Melinda Bell
E	Cameron Herrington	X	Kim McCarty	E	Nathan Teske
	Cathryn Murray		Marisa Zapata	X	William Miller
	Jackie Follis	E	Maria “Meg” Guerrero		

OTHER ATTENDEES

E	Andre Bealer	X	Svetha Ambati	X	Matthew Tschabold
X	Javier Cervantes	X	Yasmin Solorio		

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/Action Items
Welcome	<i>Meeting commences at 2:39pm. Javier shares “HHC Workplan draft” and overviews new priorities template.</i>	
Review of Budget & Policy Items -Matt/Svetha will go over what landed where post-session. - Look at what was “unfinished” related to the budget/Bills and determine priorities going into Legislative Days in late September and November. Note: Kim will serve on RJC Legislative Engagement Committee.	<p>Matt: There hasn’t been hard communication from ways and means co-chairs as a whole that they wont add or hold funds from existing. Just a general acknowledgment the headwinds aren’t looking good at the moment. The next official forecast will be coming out towards end of August.</p> <p>Jimmy: Has there been any discussion on decoupling from the federal system?</p> <p>Matt: Not aware of any current proposals at this point.</p> <p>Javier: Are there any unfinished business that we can lift up to advocate further or status of previous priorities?</p> <p>Matt: Unfinished business – there were many ways the legislative session was successful for many policy bill efforts. Saw good progress on homelessness and housing on bills relating to establishing permanent state shelter program, doing land reforms to make more land available for housing, giving special designation for state and local housing development, positive reforms to increase middle housing across the state – including accessible and affordable home ownership opportunities, simplifying process to build that housing. Continuing to see good policy around new innovative programs for modular, construction revolving loan funds</p>	

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Policy Items**

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and mixed income housing. That's just a few, over two dozen policy bills taking policy issues. The budget session was challenged – biggest areas where funding wasn't identified due to ways and means decision and revenue with legislature. Good funding around shelter, so we should be able to maintain present services. Rehousing services funding was significantly lowered in legislative adopted budget. Homeownership investment for downpayment assistance and new home development. Some of the downpayment assistance was not actualized for the session.

Svetha: In the priorities, as 814 is listed, the youth housing assistance is passed. Housing coordinator OHCS did not pass.

Jimmy: Biggest disappointment was \$44M in prevention funding loss, what I'm worried about is the downstream impacts especially in Metro. We will likely face more evictions, it makes it unlikely this upcoming session there will not be a lot of funds to go around.

Melinda: There needs to be more around affordable homeownership. I'm seeing some people aren't apartment or home ready. Some are ready, and they still can't obtain it for lower income, credit, race, etc. I myself have been trying to obtain homeownership. Someone needs to make it make sense. I graduated from Washington county access program and am still not there. There has to be more ways for people trying to get homeownership to get that goal.

Kim: Of the proposals we had previously, we have to re-advocate for eviction prevention funding, and we need to do it in the context of reduced revenue. If there is anyone putting forth that concept that would decouple us from the federal tax structure so Oregon can save some of that money, that would be one of the pathways that could be supportive of our objectives.

Javier: What about the Lift program?

Will: I think advocacy for that program is always important. Have seen benefits in person and livability, would advocate for that. Culturally responsive housing support would be something of interest for me.

Jimmy: Svetha, we double the size of energy assistance for Pacific Power and PGE customer footprint for low income communities. We toyed with the idea of doing

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something for low income housing. One way we could create additional funds for prevention is creating something similar for multifamily property owners for example. There can be some things out there to offset reduction of funds.

Svetha: Bond pass throughs, agreed. There can be other options as well such as bond pass throughs.

Jimmy: We have a good system in or to incentivize affordable housing. Part of the reason we are operating in such a deficit for units, the economy is working so heavily against us. We can't just gravitate towards immediacy like shelter and prevention. We're not building enough long term. All efforts in short term will be lost if long term isn't focused on.

Javier: Lift is a long term effort. Preservation of existing efforts is also something we discussed to move forward. What would that engagement look like, what would be the most appropriate way to start?

Matt: Submissions from agencies were just finalized by the departments at the end of July. That was the timeline asked and so we have an inventory of all of the policy and program implementations. That is not every program, they are the priority programs for the Governor and her three initiative areas. We have that list and we're still kind of working through this specific implementation timelines for some of them, but I think we could share the summary list of projects. There is more than what I think the committee has time for but the committee could choose the ones they're interested in providing feedback on and then we can ask the departments to incorporate some part of the process for the committee to give their thoughts and recommendations.

Javier: Making note for us to determine what is of interest and doing some polling to rank.

Kim: One of the new themes is new sources of revenue. This would include the bond, tax reform, mortgage interest reduction, fees, real estate transfer, etc.

Will: For me it would be both but realistic its probably more programmatic given budget.

Javier: What about eviction prevention?

Kim: Eviction prevention was a previous priority but

Matt and Svetha to send list of program and policy items for committee review.

Review of Budget & Policy Items <i>(continued)</i>	<p>would like to uplift again. What is our role as a committee to continue to talk about housing on racial groups. I don't think there are many groups that will be talking with our legislators, policy makers, program directors – thinking about how we can draw the lines for why the Lift program matters, why eviction prevention matters because of race based disparities – that is something important to remember.</p> <p>Svetha: There is a good opportunity when committee looks at the options on what they'd like to prioritize and can use that racial equitable outcome lens and how the programs are being developed. I would also mention coordinating with BIPOC caucus.</p> <p>Javier: Matt and Svetha will send a list out.</p> <p><i>Meeting is adjourned at 3:34pm by Kim</i></p>	
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Meeting Materials	 <p>HHC Workplan Draft.pdf</p>
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Zoom Chat

14:32:03 From Will Miller (he/him) to Hosts and panelists:
Hi Team - I'm here today but will be off camera, I have one of those summer colds!

14:36:46 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:
HHC-Agenda for 8-15-25

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14:57:01 From Jimmy Jones (MWVCAA) to Hosts and panelists:
The overall statewide reduction in prevention funding for 25-27 over 23-25 is about 72 percent.

14:57:13 From Jimmy Jones (MWVCAA) to Hosts and panelists:
We also have some concern around domestic violence sheltering.

14:59:30 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov Office (She/her) to Hosts and panelists:
I believe Kim had a comment to share

14:59:55 From Jimmy Jones (MWVCAA) to Hosts and panelists:
The sheltering package is supporting 5,000 shelter beds in Oregon.

15:00:00 From Jimmy Jones (MWVCAA) to Hosts and panelists:
I agree with Kim.

15:04:15 From Jimmy Jones (MWVCAA) to Hosts and panelists:
It's very important.

15:04:18 From Jimmy Jones (MWVCAA) to Hosts and panelists:
(LIFT)

15:05:11 From Matthew Tschabold to Hosts and panelists:
Sorry about dropping off, the Governor called

15:24:52 From Will Miller (he/him) to Hosts and panelists:
Happy Birthday!!

15:25:17 From Melinda Bell She/Her/Me to Hosts and panelists:
Happy early bday Javier

15:26:29 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:
Thank you all!

15:28:53 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov Office (She/her) to Hosts and panelists:
October 17th is the next committee meeting

15:30:37 From Melinda Bell She/Her/Me to Hosts and panelists:
I got nothing

15:31:51 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:
Legis Days Sept 29, 30, Oct 1

Housing and Homelessness Committee Workplan

Priorities: What is the status of previous priorities?	Can the previous priorities be advocated for further?	New priorities: is there a theme or policy or agency implementation that should be prioritized? If yes, what are they, and who are the agencies the committee can collaborate with? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framing: Preservation of existing efforts
Prevention	Home ownership	Impacts of Race-Based Housing Disparities: Providing Feedback, Input, and Recommendations to Agencies and Programs Utilizing Item 1: Housing Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LIFT Programs as a long term effort Home Ownership Rental Support Eviction Prevention to Housing Development (from a previous priority)
Shelter did get funding (rehousing) lower in adopted budget	Eviction Prevention: context reduced revenue.	Item 2: New Sources of Revenue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bond pass through ie utility support Mortgage interest deductions Fees Real Estate Transfer Document Recording Fees
Home ownership assistance downpayment, new homes. success lift program. Yet many dollars fell short	Culturally Responsive Support	Item 3: Implementation of existing programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> there is an inventory for priorities. Share the summary list of projects. Agencies to weave into their

		process (example Senior Housing Initiative)
Rental housing did get some dollar 2.7 billion for projects into the pipeline.	Existing Programs: Manufacturing Parks and program guidelines	Item 4 Coordination with BIPOC Caucus possible partnership on when to/how to engage at the right time.
Youth Housing Assistance passed		
Housing coordinator did not pass		