

# OUR MISSION IN MOTION

## ODA's 2025 Legislative Session Report

Marking the conclusion of the 2025 legislative session, the final policy and budget bills were signed into law in early August. For ODA, this session is defined by both challenge and opportunity, and I am proud of what we accomplished together for the people of Oregon. Guided by our shared vision of “a resilient tomorrow for generations to come,” we navigated a complex legislative landscape to achieve outcomes that will strengthen our agency from the ground up.

This session, our strategic planning and persistent hard work translated into tangible success. The Legislature's landmark investment in **Project OneODA** is a direct affirmation of our collective voice. This funding represents our commitment to providing modern technology and infrastructure to the staff at ODA and the Oregonians that they serve.

In a tight fiscal environment, we worked closely with legislators to secure the tools necessary to manage our budget for the 2025-27 biennium. A series of bills providing fee authority for our core regulatory programs gives us the flexibility needed to manage operational costs.

As an agency, we are entrusted with the resources and responsibilities to build a stronger, more resilient ODA and community in Oregon. This report aims to go beyond the headlines and connect the decisions made at the State Capitol to the daily responsibilities of our staff; the successes detailed here were built on the foundation of their dedication and expertise.

With gratitude,



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# 2025 SESSION IN REVIEW

## Seizing Opportunity, Ensuring Stability

The outcomes of this session can be understood through three core themes:

### 1 Strategic Modernization:

ODA's achievement in securing nearly \$9.4M for **Project OneODA** will launch a comprehensive overhaul of our agency's technological infrastructure, workflows, and processes.

### 2 Fiscal Stability:

Lawmakers recognized the critical nature of our regulatory programs by passing a suite of bills that provide fee authority necessary for the 2025-27 biennium, creating a more stable funding environment.

### 3 Enhanced Capabilities:

Beyond funding, the Legislature granted ODA a set of more precise and powerful tools. From new civil penalty authority to updating program models, these changes reflect a high degree of trust in agency expertise and allow us to more efficiently carry out our agency mission.

The 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly began on January 21, 2025 and concluded its work on June 27, 2025.

One of ODA's primary goals in this biennium is **modernization**, and the legislature has provided our agency with the necessary tools and trust to accomplish this objective.

This report details the outcomes of the legislative session, not solely as a list of legislative actions, but as a narrative of our agency's progress. It is designed to connect the results of the 2025 session to the on-the-ground work performed in all of ODA's programs.

## 2025-27 BUDGET

The 2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget is more than a financial document; it reflects ODA's strategic priorities and opportunities, as well as the difficult legislative decisions needed to balance the state's budget.

For the 2025-27 biennium, the Legislature approved a total budget for ODA of **\$187M**, supporting 493 positions and 395.85 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staff. This budget is built from four (4) distinct funding sources, each with a specific purpose:

**General Fund** - Taxpayer dollars allocated for a wide range of state services.

**Lottery Funds** - Dedicated funds, primarily for programs related to water quality and natural resource protection.

**Other Funds** - Revenue generated by the agency itself through fees, licenses, and charges for services. This is ODA's largest funding source, directly supporting the work of our regulatory programs.

**Federal Funds** - Grants and agreements with federal partners like the USDA and FDA to carry out specific programs and initiatives.

# ODA 2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget Summary

	2023-25 Legislatively Adopted Budget	2025-27 Current Service Level	2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget
General Fund	\$57,988,648	\$40,620,844	\$43,042,447
General Fund Debt Svc	-	-	\$1,563,352
Lottery Funds	\$9,323,768	\$9,924,467	\$10,014,286
Project OneODA - Pkg 120	-	-	\$9,435,000
Other Funds	\$97,593,748	\$99,227,688	\$99,203,854
Federal Funds	\$24,616,353	\$19,220,464	\$23,782,039
Total Funds	\$189,522,517	\$168,993,463	\$187,040,978
Positions	523	507	493
Full-Time Equiv (FTE)	402.26	391.09	395.85

The Legislature balances the state budget, which involves difficult decisions having meaningful impacts. The 2025-27 budget includes several critical investments that will directly enhance our ability to serve the people of Oregon. It also underscores the critical importance of ODA’s fee-funded programs, with “Other Funds” being our largest single revenue source.

## Key Highlights in the Coming Biennium

### MODERNIZATION

The centerpiece of the 2025-27 budget is **Project OneODA**, a transformative investment that will modernize the agency’s information technology infrastructure from the ground up. Staff feedback on technological challenges was heard and acted upon at the highest levels, and the resulting project is the single most important action we are taking to address the goals mapped out in our Strategic Plan. **Project One ODA** will be funded through a combination of General Fund and bonds, and will enable better collaboration across programs while also improving public service delivery.

### TARGETED PROGRAM INVESTMENTS

Beyond the headline investment in technology, the budget includes key enhancements for specific programs. Our Wolf Depredation Compensation & Financial Assistance Grant Program will receive a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1M, and our Pesticide Certification & Training (C&T) program will be able to increase capacity through a nearly \$900K infusion in Other Funds which will add three positions critical to implementing our EPA-approved plan.

### REDUCTIONS & REALIGNMENTS

To secure the above investments while operating within a challenging fiscal environment, the budget also includes a few reductions that are part of a broader strategy to prioritize our most critical needs. Among the reductions are the legislature’s elimination of funding for our Japanese Beetle Eradication program, the elimination of two vacant positions, and a reduction in services and supplies for the farm mediation program.

# Policy in Action: New Tools to Protect, Promote, & Prosper

The 2025 legislative session was not just about funding; it was about refining and strengthening the ability to carry out our mission. The Legislature granted ODA a suite of more precise authorities through a number of bills that passed; in doing so, the Legislature is not just telling ODA *what* to do, but is providing more sophisticated tools for *how* to do this work.

 Food Safety & Animal Health  
 Pesticides, Feeds, & Fertilizers

 Agriculture Industry  
 Agency Governance & Operations

## **HB 2805: Permanent Authority for Food Safety License Fees [effective: 1/1/26]**

For our Food Safety Program staff, this provides funding predictability by making ODA's authority to annually increase fees permanent.

## **HB 3604: Rules for Entities Taking Possession of a Cat [effective: 9/26/25]**

Provides legal clarity by establishing protections for animal rescue entities (AREs) that take in stray cats, and details how licensed entities should administer surrendered cats.

## **HB 2809: Increasing the Pesticide Registration Fee Cap [effective: 9/26/25; fees 1/1/26]**

This law increases the statutory maximum for pesticide registration fees as a cap managed over time, giving our Pesticides Program financial flexibility for the future.

## **HB 2684: School Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Requirements [effective: 1/1/26]**

Requires that school IPM plans be reviewed at least once every 5 years and available to the public, assisting our staff involved in compliance & outreach.

## **HB 2806: Fee Authority for Weights & Measures Fees [effective: 1/1/26]**

Gives authority to annually increase license fees for commercial weighing & measuring instruments, to address rising costs and provide financial stability to the program.

## **SB 162: Hemp Program Inspection Authority [effective: 6/9/25]**

Protects consumers and closes a gap in oversight for our Hemp Program inspectors, giving unambiguous authority to inspect all hemp material on-site (not just growing plants).

## **SB 809: Clarifying Poultry in the State Meat Inspection Program [effective: 1/1/26]**

Resolves any ambiguity and solidifies authority for our inspectors, by explicitly including poultry products under the state meat inspection program.

## **SB 832: Expanding Civil Penalty Authority [effective: 1/1/26]**

Provides a new enforcement tool to our Animal Health & Feeds Program staff, by granting authority to impose civil penalties for violations of law related to animal diseases & commercial animal feeds.

## **SB 360: Pesticide Licensing Exemption for Battery-Powered Devices [effective: 9/26/25]**

Modernizes the law and streamlines regulation for low-risk application methods by creating a narrow exemption for certain qualifying employees.

## **SB 833: Label Requirements for Soil-Enhancing Products [effective: 1/1/26]**

Updates registration and labeling guidance for the industry, ensuring clarity and accuracy in the marketplace.

## **SB 1019: Modernizing the Brands Program [effective: 6/26/25]**

Increases fees for brand registration & renewal, and livestock identification inspection services. Includes additional updates to modernize the program.

## **SB 777: Modifying the Wolf Depredation Grant Program [effective: 1/1/26]**

Modifies the methodology used to award grants, carefully balancing compensation for losses with proactive conflict prevention.

## **HB 3569: Inviting Legislators to Rules Advisory Committees (RACs) [effective: 9/26/25]**

Requires state agencies to invite legislators to participate as non-voting members at certain RACs.