

2026 SUMMARY OF ENACTED EDUCATION LEGISLATION

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SUMMARY

Final business for the 2026 Legislative Session concluded on March 6. The House and Senate chambers first convened on February 2, and finished up with time to spare from the Constitutionally required Sine Die date of March 8. The Legislature tackled many issues in this short session, with a particular focus on revenue impacts to the state's budget and response to federal policy concerns.

The Oregon Department of Education's legislative agenda concentrated on a technical change for the Military Interstate Children's Compact, often referred to as MIC3. The MIC3 is an agreement among all 50 states and the District of Columbia to ensure military-connected students face minimal disruption in education when military families relocate across state lines. It addresses key transition issues such as enrollment, placement, attendance, eligibility for programs and activities, graduation requirements, and transfer of records.

Oregon first adopted the Compact in 2014, and ODE continues to hold responsibility for supporting the implementation of the compact and representing Oregon nationally. Our ask, contained in [HB 4066](#), allowed Oregon's statute to fully align with the model language used by other states. The bill passed both chambers, ensuring consistent protections for military students as intended when the Compact was adopted.

While this short session was a quiet one for our legislative agenda, the systems-changing work continues at the Department internally, as outlined in [Senate Bill 141](#) (2025). The 2025 Education Accountability Act reflects a significant step forward in how we ensure every Oregon student has access to meaningful learning opportunities. At ODE, we're streamlining reporting and introducing policies to help schools and districts meaningfully improve how we as a state serve Oregon's students, families, and communities. This work is about building trust, driving equity, and ensuring that every student has a real opportunity to succeed and thrive.

A special thank you to all the legislative coordinators, bill managers and the fiscal team within ODE.

MOVING EDUCATION EQUITY FORWARD

HB 4149 – Relating to homeless students

House Vote: Carried by Levy E. Passed. Ayes, 39; Nays, 3; Excused, 18.

Senate Vote: Carried by Neron Misslin. Passed. Ayes, 26; Nays, 2; Excused, 2.

[House Bill 4149](#) enacts existing federal requirements for the education of homeless students into state law.

SB 1533 – Relating to the rights of children in care

House Vote: Carried by Elmer. Passed. Ayes, 42; Nays, 1; Absent, 6; Excused, 11.

Senate Vote: Carried by Gelsner Blouin. Passed. Ayes, 30.

[Senate Bill 1533](#) modifies the Foster Children’s Bill of Rights, to include rights such as the right to regularly attend school and have access to a free and appropriate public education.

SB 1538 – Relating to conduct of public education

House Vote: Carried by Rieke Smith. Passed. Ayes, 36; Nays, 21; Excused, 3.

Senate Vote: Carried by Frederick. Passed. Ayes, 23; Nays, 7.

[Senate Bill 1538](#) guarantees admission to Oregon school districts’ instructional programs, requires the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) to modify the model policies it has created for school districts, and requires school districts to distribute those model policies to their employees.

SB 1594 – Relating to immigration

House Vote: Carried by Ruiz. Passed. Ayes, 33; Nays, 14; Absent, 6; Excused, 7.

Senate Vote: Carried by Prozanski. Passed. Ayes, 18; Nays, 11; Excused, 1.

[Senate Bill 1594](#) directs the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) to consult with the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement (OIRA) during its development, review, or update of model policies concerning immigration enforcement, pursuant to ORS 180.810. The measure also resolves a conflict with Senate Bill 1538 A (2026).

EDUCATION OVERSIGHT

HB 4066 – Relating to education

House Vote: Carried by Hudson. Passed. Ayes, 40; Nays, 13--Boice, Boshart Davis, Bunch, Cate, Edwards, Elmer, Harbick, Helfrich, Lewis, Osborne, Reschke, Skarlatos, Yunker; Excused, 7.

Senate Vote: Carried by Sollman. Passed. Ayes, 28; Excused, 2.

[House Bill 4066](#) makes a series of changes to Oregon education laws, including updating references to federal statute in the Military Interstate Children’s Compact, allowing Education Service District (ESD) boards to offer board members a stipend of up to \$500 per month, extending the date by which ESDs must comply with state light bulb requirements, granting rulemaking authority to the State Board of Education in areas of statute that incorrectly grant authority to ODE, and exempting school districts

from including a member of its educational equity committee on its budget committee if no members are willing or able to serve.

HB 4154 – Relating to student attendance data

House Vote: Carried by Wise. Passed. Ayes, 40; Nays, 1; Excused, 19.

Senate Vote: Carried by Weber. Passed. Ayes, 26; Nays, 3; Excused, 1.

[House Bill 4154](#) requires ODE to use existing average daily membership (ADM) reports to publish attendance data four times a year beginning in the 2026–2027 school year.

EMPLOYMENT

HB 4013 – Relating to labor standards

House Vote: Carried by Grayber. Passed. Ayes, 36; Nays, 22; Excused, 2.

Senate Vote: Carried by Taylor. Passed. Ayes, 18; Nays, 11; Excused, 1.

[House Bill 4013](#) establishes that Oregon’s rules on the total hours a minor may work may not be less restrictive than the requirements of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) that are in effect on January 1, 2026. It permits the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) to adopt rules to conform to changes in the FLSA or Oregon law that increase protections for minors.

HB 4089 – Relating to criminal offenses related to work

House Vote: Carried by Grayber. Passed. Ayes, 33; Nays, 9; Excused, 18.

Senate Vote: Carried by Neron Misslin. Passed. Ayes, 26; Nays, 2; Excused, 2.

[House Bill 4089](#) modifies when a person commits the crime of theft of services.

HB 4111 – Relating to immigration-related practices

House Vote: Carried by Chotzen. Passed. Ayes, 34; Nays, 19; Excused, 7.

Senate Vote: Carried by Broadman, Prozanski. Passed. Ayes, 20; Nays, 9; Excused, 1.

[House Bill 4111](#) prohibits an employer from taking adverse action against an employee for updating personal information to reflect a lawful change to their federal employment authorization. It states that it is legal for an employer to comply with federal employment authorization verification requirements. The measure protects employers if a third-party benefits administrator independently takes adverse action in response to changes in the employee’s personal information or federal employment authorizations.

SB 1527 – Relating to health care

House Vote: Carried by Levy E. Passed. Ayes, 54; Excused, 6.

Carried by Hayden, Patterson. Passed. Ayes, 29; Excused, 1.

[Senate Bill 1527](#) requires group and individual health insurance plans, including the Public Employees’ Benefit Board (PEBB) and the Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB), to fully cover the cost of medically necessary cervical cancer screenings.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

SB 1512 – Relating to workforce development

House Vote: Carried by Fragala. Passed. Ayes, 36; Nays, 16; Excused, 8.

Senate Vote: Carried by Pham. Passed. Ayes, 28; Nays, 2.

[Senate Bill 1512](#) extends the Prosperity 10,000 program and modifies its goals and purposes, including requiring local boards to consider how entities' grant funding proposals demonstrate engagement with priority populations in targeted industry sectors, including collaboration with industry and education partners, and prioritizing the use of federal and private funds.

FUNDING

HB 5204 – End of session bill

House Vote: Carried by Sanchez. Passed. Ayes, 38; Nays, 17; Excused, 5.

Senate Vote: Carried by Lieber. Passed. Ayes, 24; Nays, 4; Excused, 2.

[House Bill 5204](#) is the omnibus budget reconciliation bill for the 2026 legislative session. The measure modifies state agencies' 2025-27 legislatively approved budgets and adjusts General Fund appropriations to the Emergency Board.

Highlights from this bill include:

- \$468,750 for the State School Fund modernization project
- \$1.9 M in funding to youth development programs for the East Multnomah Outreach, Prevention, and Intervention program
- \$2 M in additional funding to the Healthy School Facilities Fund

HB 4075 – Relating to hospital finance

Carried by Wright, Nosse. Passed. Ayes, 42; Nays, 15; Excused, 3.

Senate Vote: Carried by Smith DB. Passed. Ayes, 16; Nays, 12; Excused, 2.

[House Bill 4075](#) directs the State Treasurer to use funds from the Unclaimed Property and Estates Fund to guarantee a rural hospital stabilization loan to a hospital that meets specific criteria. The Oregon State Treasury holds unclaimed property in trust in the Common School Fund until it is claimed by its owners. Funds are invested by the state, and earned interest is distributed biannually across Oregon's 197 public school districts.

SB 1601 – Program change bill

House Vote: Carried by Sanchez. Passed. Ayes, 52; Excused, 8.

Senate Vote: Carried by Lieber. Passed. Ayes, 26; Nays, 2; Excused, 2.

[Senate Bill 1601](#) implements statutory changes necessary to support the 2025-27 legislatively adopted budget. This includes changing the reporting structure for ODE on the Summer Learning Grant Program,

and allowing for testing for elevated levels of polychlorinated biphenyl exposure as an allowable use in the Healthy School Facilities Fund.

SB 5703 – Revenue allocations

House Vote: Carried by Sanchez. Passed. Ayes, 45; Nays, 9; Excused, 6.

Senate Vote: Carried by Lieber. Passed. Ayes, 25; Nays, 4; Excused, 1.

[Senate Bill 5703](#) modifies the 2025-27 revenue allocations from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund, Veterans’ Services Fund, Criminal Fine Account (CFA), Oregon Marijuana Account (OMA), and Fund for Student Success – including the Student Investment Account and the Statewide Education Initiatives Account.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

HB 4079 – Relating to policies for when federal immigration authorities enter public education property

House Vote: Carried by McDonald. Passed. Ayes, 35; Nays, 22; Excused, 3.

Senate Vote: Carried by Neron Misslin. Passed. Ayes, 18; Nays, 10; Excused, 2.

[House Bill 4079](#) requires school districts and institutions of higher education to adopt policies governing institutional responses to federal immigration authorities on school property.

HB 4160 – Relating to procedures for medical emergencies in schools

House Vote: Carried by Yunker. Passed. Ayes, 53; Nays, 1; Excused, 6.

Senate Vote: Carried by Robinson. Passed. Ayes, 28; Excused, 2.

[House Bill 4160](#) requires schools to have a cardiac emergency response plan for responding to medical emergencies. It establishes requirements for the response plan, including alignment with national standards, as well as the placement, identification, and maintenance of automated external defibrillators (AEDs). It requires athletic coaches and other staff to be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of AEDs.

SB 1504 – Relating to the administration of epinephrine

House Vote: Carried by Nguyen D. Passed. Ayes, 56; Excused, 4.

Senate Vote: Carried by President Wagner. Passed. Ayes, 30.

[Senate Bill 1504](#) allows students and school staff to administer a premeasured dose of epinephrine via auto-injector, nasal spray, or other method.

STATE AGENCIES/GOVERNANCE

HB 4016 – Relating to tax compliance

House Vote: Carried by Nathanson. Passed. Ayes, 35; Nays, 21; Excused, 4.

Senate Vote: Carried by Frederick. Passed. Ayes, 18; Nays, 11; Excused, 1.

[House Bill 4016](#) requires public contractors to demonstrate and maintain tax compliance, through a certification process, as a condition of the execution of a public contract.

HB 4088 – Relating to health

House Vote: Carried by Fragala. Passed. Ayes, 34; Nays, 22; Excused, 4.

Senate Vote: Carried by Gelser Blouin, Reynolds. Passed. Ayes, 18; Nays, 12.

[House Bill 4088](#) creates policies regarding legal protections for legal reproductive or gender-affirming health care activities that occur in Oregon. The measure relates to gubernatorial actions, data privacy, court records, public records, and midwifery practice. Under the measure, the public records that are exempt from disclosure will include personally identifiable information relating to applications for or receipt of legal reproductive or gender-affirming health care activities and applications for legal sex changes.

HB 4121 – Relating to emergency management

House Vote: Carried by Evans. Passed. Ayes, 54; Nays, 1; Excused, 5.

Senate Vote: Carried by Manning Jr. Passed. Ayes, 26; Nays, 2; Excused, 2.

[House Bill 4121](#) creates statewide emergency preparedness offices and authorities to coordinate emergency management.

HB 4138 – Relating to limitations on the actions of public employees

House Vote: Carried by Kropf. Passed. Ayes, 34; Nays, 18; Excused, 8.

Senate Vote: Carried by Campos. Passed. Ayes, 18; Nays, 10; Excused, 2.

[House Bill 4138](#) prohibits employees of a state or local law enforcement agency or public body from intentionally assisting a federal or out-of-state law enforcement agency in investigating, apprehending, or arresting people if those activities are being done:

- On the basis of a person’s exercise of constitutional rights related to speech, expression, association, or assembly
- On the basis of a person’s membership in a protected class
- As part of an unlawful search or seizure or other unconstitutional surveillance activity

HB 4161 – Relating to use of official position or office

House Vote: Carried by Sosa. Passed. Ayes, 51; Excused, 9.

Senate Vote: Carried by Golden. Passed. Ayes, 28; Excused, 2

[House Bill 4161](#) provides exceptions to the prohibited use by a public official of official position or office to obtain financial gain or avoid financial detriment that permit a public body to give public officials food, beverages and merchandise.

HB 4178 – Relating to rounding procedures in transactions

House Vote: Carried by Wallan. Passed. Ayes, 40; Nays, 2; Excused, 118.

Senate Vote: Carried by Starr. Passed. Ayes, 26; Nays, 2; Excused, 2.

[House Bill 4178](#) allows a public body to establish a reasonable rounding policy for in-person cash or mixed tender transactions that are conducted by the public body for commodities received from or services rendered by a public body, or for transactions involving the payment of a debt, fee, or tax owed to a public body.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

HB 4022 – Relating to children’s literacy

House Vote: Carried by Bowman. Passed. Ayes, 53; Nays, 4; Excused, 3.

Senate Vote: Carried by Patterson. Passed. Ayes, 27; Nays, 1; Excused, 2.

[House Bill 4022](#) establishes the Oregon Imagination Library program to provide a free book each month to eligible children. It directs the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to implement and administer the program.

SB 1596 – Relating to play-based learning

House Vote: Carried by Fragala. Passed. Ayes, 57; Excused, 3.

Senate Vote: Carried by Weber. Passed. Ayes, 28; Excused, 2.

[Senate Bill 1596](#) requires the State Board of Education to allow play-based learning to be considered instructional time for elementary school students.

BUDGET NOTES

There were no budget notes addressed to ODE in the 2026 session.

REPORTS – ODE GENERATED / ODE PARTICIPATING

BILL #	SUMMARY	REPORT DUE
HB 4154	Reporting on Regular Attendance	Report regular attendance data four times a year beginning in the 2026-2027 school year
SB 1601	Program Change Bill - Summer Learning Grants Report	Changes report on Summer Learning programs; report now due January 30 of each year