

Oregon Public Defense Commission

**2027-2029
Budget and
Legislative
Concept Process**

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Guiding Legislation

- **ORS 151.213(1):** *The Oregon Public Defense Commission is established in the executive branch of state government (operative January 1, 2025).*
- **ORS 151.216(1)(f):** *The Commission shall submit an agency request budget to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services as described in ORS 291.208.*
- **ORS 151.216(10):** *The commission shall request that the Governor include in the Governor's requested budget, for each fiscal period, at a minimum, the amount of funds identified by the commission as being necessary to carry out the duties and activities of the commission.*
- **ORS 291.204, ORS 291.206:** *Provides guidance to state agencies for submitting budget information and completing agency request budgets.*

BUDGET REALITIES

The Governor's office and CFO have provided direction to agencies for developing 27-29 POPs

Executive Branch Direction

Excerpts from the Governor's office letter to agency heads, 2/10/2026

"...prepare for...no funding [to be] available for program expansions or new programs in 2027-29."

"...policy packages should be net neutral and not require new revenue."

"Understand...not going to reflect overall needs or vision for agency programs."

- > **STABILIZE**
Maintain core programs and services related to the agency's mission
- > **SELF FUND**
Identify ways to self-fund strategic investments
- > **SAVE**
Scrutinize operational efficiencies
- > **EDIT**
Carefully evaluate new spending proposals
- > **PLAN**
Prepare for potential limitations on growth or expansion

Basic Budget Development Timeline†

All actions on this slide occur each **even year** in advance of odd year Legislative Sessions.

Step 1: January

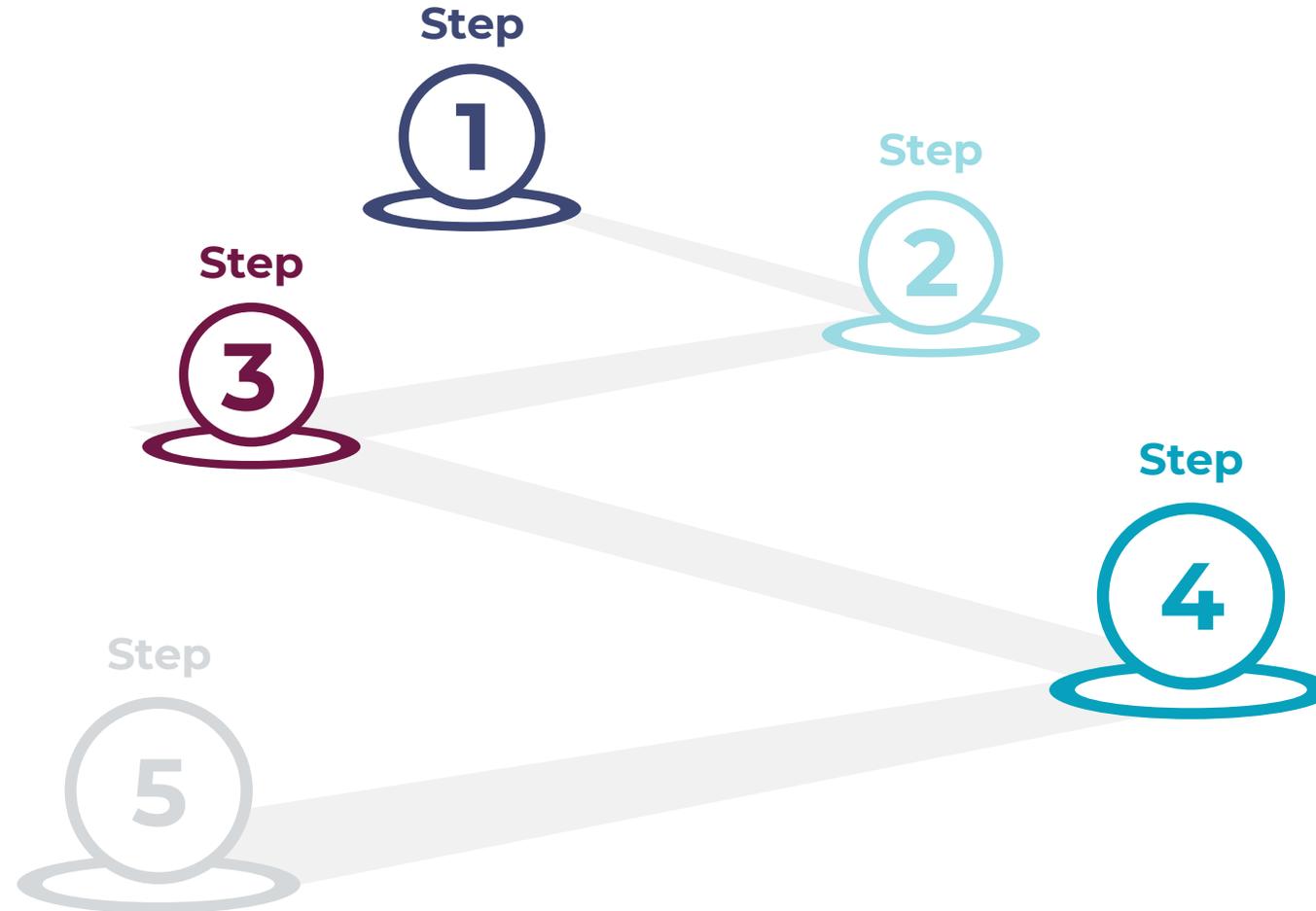
Agency begins high level Agency Request Budget Development (ARB), including initial policy option package ideas.

Step 3: June

Using feedback from CFO, agency refines its Agency Request Budget.

Step 5: December

The Governor's Request Budget is released in advance of Legislative Session (which begins the following month)..



Step 2: May/June

Agency submits its CSL budget, along with preliminary policy option packages (POPs) for CFO Review.

Step 4: August

Agency submits its final Agency Request Budget, along with approved policy option packages to CFO and the Governor.

†Timeline based on previous processes that are subject to change. Exact timing can change biennium to biennium.

Policy Option Packages

1

Program expansions or new initiatives

2

Investment in staffing or provider compensation

3

System modernization or technology improvements

4

Structural or operational reforms

5

Reductions or efficiency proposals



Thank you.

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