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Oregon Public Defense Commission Legislative and Policy Impact Subcommittee Meeting

*Meeting will occur virtually
 Friday, August 28th, 2026
 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM PST
 Via Zoom**

Administrative Announcement

This is a public meeting, subject to the public meeting law and it will be recorded. Deliberation of issues will only be conducted by Commission members unless permitted by the Chair. Individuals who engage in disruptive behavior that impedes official business will be asked to stop being disruptive or leave the meeting. Additional measures may be taken to have disruptive individuals removed if their continued presence poses a safety risk to the other persons in the room or makes it impossible to continue the meeting.

AGENDA

Approx. Time	Item	Lead(s)
9:30-9:35	Welcome and Call to Order	Chair Lininger
9:35-10:30	Discussion: Subcommittee Goals and Short/Long Term Plans	Chair Lininger Lisa Taylor
10:30	**Adjourn**	

**To join the Zoom meeting, click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/95869223118>. This meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities or with additional language service needs.*

Our Zoom virtual meeting platform is also equipped with Closed Captioning capabilities in various languages, which agency staff can assist you with setting up ahead of meetings.

Requests for interpreters for the hearing impaired, for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, or for additional interpreter services should be made to info@opdc.state.or.us. Please make requests as far in advance as possible, and at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, to allow us to best meet your needs.

Listed times are an estimate, and the Chair may take agenda items out of order and/or adjust times for agenda items as needed.

AGENCY, BOARD, AND COMMISSION LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT

Agency Bill Endorsements

1. Agencies can advocate for their own bills and budget priorities outlined in the Governor's Recommended Budget.
2. Agencies should remain neutral on bills and investments outside of the ones they introduce or included in the Governor's Recommended Budget. Responsiveness to legislators, legislative staff, and legislative fiscal office analysts with factual input is crucial. If approached by a legislator or advocacy organization for a bill endorsement or investment support, agencies can use the template language below as a guide for their response.
 - Thank you for asking us to take a position on this bill. As an executive branch agency, our role is to provide factual and technical information to people developing legislation that affects our work. We are not taking positions on bills this session, except for those we introduce or help develop. We are happy to continue offering technical feedback as this bill moves forward.
3. If an agency believes it must formally take a position on a bill, they should notify their Governor's Office Advisor and the Governor's legislative team at least 48 hours prior to when they need a decision. The agency will need to complete the Agency Position Request Form, which the Governor's Office will review. The Governor's Office makes the final decision on whether the agency may endorse the bill.

In circumstances where a 48-hour window is not possible, agencies should directly call their Governor's Office advisor(s) and legislative team.

If there are any concerns about a bill moving forward through the committee process, they should contact their Governor's Office advisor. A form is not required for this.

Guidelines for Board and Commission Legislative Advocacy

A board or commission member can only speak on behalf of the board or commission if the board or commission has officially authorized them to do so. This applies both to advocacy and situations where the member is sharing background or context about

legislation. Even without taking a position, explaining how a program or policy works can help refine a bill.

A member may speak as a private individual, but **they must make it clear they are not speaking for the board or commission**. Do not assume others will understand the difference—state it clearly.

Before any board or commission member engages with the Legislature, they must first notify their board or commission director. The director will contact the Governor’s Office when needed.

New Legislation Proposed by a Board or Commission

Boards/Commissions and/or Board Members/Commissioners wishing to propose legislation must do so with the assistance of the board or commission through the standard Governor’s Office process for a legislative session occurring during an odd-numbered year.

The standard process involves making initial legislative concept proposals early during the year preceding legislative session (e.g., January of 2026 for concepts developed for the 2027 Legislative Session) so they can be vetted by Governor’s Office. If a concept includes a fiscal impact, it will also be reviewed by the state Chief Financial Officer and their staff as a part of the development process for the Governor’s Recommended Budget.

Whether a legislative concept is submitted to the Legislature for consideration is determined by the Governor. If a legislative concept is not approved by the Governor, Boards Commissions and/or Board Members/Commissioners are not permitted to advocate for the concept in their official capacity.

Analyzing Legislative Proposals Proposed by Others

Boards/Commissions and/or individual Board Members/Commissioners, when acting in their official roles must get approval from the Governor’s Office before:

- Taking a public position in favor or against a bill or amendment, whether in writing, in written or verbal testimony, or in meetings with legislators.

Boards/Commissions and/or individual Board Members/Commissioners when acting in their official roles, do not need prior approval to:

- Provide requested technical feedback (expertise, data, experience) to legislators or stakeholders in writing, testimony, or meetings.
- Discuss a bill or concept during a board or commission meeting.

While prior authorization is not required to offer feedback or to discuss a bill/concept during an open meeting, Board Members and Commissioners should notify board or commission staff.

Managing Conflicts of Interest

As a public official, it is expected that all members of boards and commissions will follow all [Oregon Government Ethics Commission](#) regulations on conflicts of interest.

Public Meetings

All board and commission members must follow applicable public meetings rules to meet, discuss, and vote on the commission's advocacy goals on the piece or pieces of legislation.