

Oregon Friends Legislative Newsletter for Feb 26 2017

To Help You Follow Issues before the 2017 Oregon Legislative Session and Discern What You Are Led to Do:

A few upcoming events:

A) Upcoming Town Halls with Representative Diego Hernandez

East Portland Budget Town Hall

Date: Saturday, March 4th

Time: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Place: IRCO

10301 NE Glisan St, Portland OR 97220

Focus: Budgetary priorities

B) A housing coalition rally is planned at the State Capitol for March 2.

C) *Climate:*

There will be a rally for Clean Energy Jobs in on the Capitol Steps in Salem next Wednesday, March 1 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. A hearing on bills, SB 557, and SB 778 will take place from 3:00 - 4:45 pm. Public hearings for climate bills SB 557 (Clean Energy and Jobs Bill) and SB 748 (Carbon Pollution Permit Program) will be held on 3/1/17. For further information on these bills, please see the climate section.

1. Equitable System of Taxation – related to Quaker Witness of Integrity

Oregon faces a budget shortage. If any Friends have attended town hall meetings or have other information on this topic that you wish to share,

please send information to me and I will include in future newsletters.
Thank you!

SB 163:

Relating to taxation; prescribing an effective date.

Increases percentage of federal earned income credit allowable as credit against Oregon personal income tax.

Current Committee: Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue

Subsequent Referrals: Joint Committee on Tax Credits

No hearings scheduled yet.

HB 2909 – “Requires candidate for President or Vice President of United States, in order to appear on general election ballot or in general election voters' pamphlet, to provide Secretary of State with copy of candidate's federal income tax returns for five years preceding year of general election and with written consent for public disclosure of tax returns. Prohibits elector in Oregon who is part of electoral college from voting for candidate who fails to provide tax returns or written consent.”

This bill is sponsored by, and is in, the House Rules Committee; no hearing set yet. If Friends would like to contact members of the Rules Committee about their thoughts on this bill, especially if they are constituents, the members are:

Chair: House D Leader Jennifer Williamson (D-36) – 503-986-1900

Vice-Chair: House R Leader Mike McLane (R-55) – 503-986-1400

Vice-Chair: Rep. Dan Rayfield (D-16) – 503-986-1416

Members:

Rep. Greg Barreto (R-58) – 503-986-1458

Rep. Jodi Hack (R-19) – 503-986-1419

Rep. Paul Holvey (D-08) -- 503-986-1408

Rep. Bill Kennemer (R-39) – 503-986-1439

Rep. Rob Nosse D-42) – 503-986-1442

Rep. Barbara Smith Warner (D-45) – 503-986-1445

Workplace Policies – related to Quaker Witness of Integrity

Wage Theft: Tools for victims of wage theft: **HB 2169** on attorney fee awards, **HB 2180** establishing a lien on employer property, **HB 2181** protecting against retaliation by employer.

HB 2169:

Relating to attorney fees for plaintiff employees
Limits certain attorney fee awards to employee who prevails on claim against employer in wage and hour and employment cases.

Current Location: In House Committee

Current Committee: House Committee on Business and Labor

Public hearing held on February 13.

No upcoming hearings scheduled.

Chair: Representative Paul Holvey (D-8) 503-986-1408

Vice-Chair: Representative Greg Barreto (R-58) 503-986-1458

Vice-Chair: Representative Janelle Bynum (D-51) 503-986-1451

Members:

Representative Margaret Doherty (D-35) 503-986-1435

Representative Paul Evans (D-20) 503-986-1420

Representative Julie Fahey (D-14) 503-986-1414

Representative Jodi Hack (R-19) 503-986-1419

Representative Dallas Heard (R-2) 503-986-1402

Representative Bill Kennemer (R-39) 503-986-1439

HB 2180:

Relating to establishing a lien on employer property based on an unpaid wage claim.

Establishes right of employee for civil action based on unpaid wages.

Current location: In House Committee

Current Committee: House Committee on Business and Labor

Public hearing held on February 13.

No upcoming hearings scheduled.

For contacts, see HB 2169.

HB 2181:

Relating to the protection of employee rights in the workplace.
Creates rebuttable presumption against employer if employer takes certain adverse action against employee within 90 days of employee's protected, wage-related activity
Current location: In House Committee
Current Committee: House Committee on Business and Labor
Public hearing held February 13
No upcoming hearings scheduled.

For contact information, see HB 2169.

1. Reduce Violence, Halt Prison Growth, Reduce Use of Solitary Confinement, Halt the Death Penalty, Improve Public Safety (addressing gun violence) – related to Quaker Witness of Peace

Improve Public Safety (addressing gun violence)

HB 2130: Child Access Prevention (CAP)

Creates crime of endangering a minor by allowing access to a firearm.

Chief Sponsors: Reps Smith Warner, Keny-Guyer, Piluso; Senators Steiner Hayward, Dembrow

Note:

- HB 2130 has a felony penalty attached.
- Studies indicate that CAP bills with felony penalties are the most successful at reducing child access.
- Age of minor is under 18.

Committee: House Committee on Judiciary

No hearings scheduled

Chair: Representative Jeff Barker (D-28) – 503-986-1428

Vice-Chair: Representative Andy Olson (R-15) --541-967-6576

Vice-Chair: House Democratic Leader Jennifer Williamson (D-36) --
503-986-1436

Members:

Representative Chris Gorsek (D-49) -- 503-986-1449

Representative Mitch Greenlick (D-33) 503-986-1433

Representative Ann Lininger (D-38) 503-986-1438

Representative Bill Post (D-25) 503-986-1425

Representative Tawna Sanchez (D-43) 503-986-1443

Representative Sherrie Sprenger (R-17) 503-986-1417

Representative Duane Stark (R-4) 503-986-1404 and 541- 237-9851

Representative A. Richard Vial (R-26) 503-986-1426

HB 2237: Close Charleston Loophole; Change relationship status requirement from “intimate partner” to “family or household member;” No Guns for Stalkers

- Prohibits transfer of firearm by gun dealer or private party if Department of State Police is unable to determine whether recipient is qualified to receive firearm.
- Modifies definition of relationship status pertaining to types of court orders and misdemeanor convictions that cause person to be prohibited from possessing firearms.
- Provides that conviction for stalking causes person to be prohibited from possessing firearm unless person obtains relief from prohibition.

Filed the request of Governor Kate Brown

Location: In House Committee

Committee: House Committee on Judiciary

No hearings scheduled.

See contact information for HB 2130

HB 2523: Safekeeping of Firearms

Authorizes gun dealer to accept for safekeeping firearm surrendered by person or family or household member of person who is at risk of causing physical injury to self or others with firearm

Chief Sponsors: Rep. Buehler, Senator Steiner Hayward

Committee: House Committee on Judiciary

No hearing scheduled.

See contact information for HB 2130

SB 232: Dispossession of guns for DVRO

Requires court to ask petitioner at hearing for family or household abuse restraining order whether respondent possesses any firearms and to record answer on order. Directs presiding judge of judicial district to adopt protocols relating to surrender of firearms by persons prohibited by court order from possessing firearms.

Chief Sponsors: Senator Monnes Anderson, Rep. Piluso

Committee: Senate Committee on Judiciary

No hearings scheduled

Chair: Senator Floyd Prozanski (D-4) 503-986-1704

Vice-Chair: Senator Kim Thatcher (R-13) 503-986-1713

Members:

Senator Michael Dembrow (D-23) 503-986-1723

Senator Dennis Linthicum (R-28) 503-986-1728

Senator James Manning Jr. (D-7) 503-986-1707

Criminal Justice System Reform and Prison Reform:

HB 2251:

Relating to incarceration facilities for persons under 18 years of age.

Provides that person under 18 years of age may not be incarcerated in Department of Corrections institution.

House Committee on Judiciary

Public hearing held February 20, 2017.

No hearings scheduled.

See contact information for HB 2130

Solitary Confinement:

SB 82:

Relating to rules regulating conduct of persons in the custody of the Oregon Youth Authority.

Sets forth state policy specifying that sanctions and punishment for violation of rules regulations conduct of youth offenders and other person placed in physical custody of Oregon Youth Authority may not include placing youth offender or others in custody of youth authority alone in locked room.

Current location: House Desk-Awaiting First Reading

History: Referred to Judiciary on 1/17/17. Public Hearing and Work session held on 2/8/17. Work session held on 2/14/17. Recommendation of “do pass” on 2/16/17. Second reading on 2/16/17. Third reading. Carried by Manning Jr. Passed. Ayes, 29; excused, 1--Dembrow.

House First reading scheduled for 2/27/17

News Release:

“Oregon Senate votes to end isolation punishment for youth SB 82 bans

Oregon Youth Authority from placing youth in locked rooms alone

Senate Bill 82 – which passed 29-0 on the Senate floor – establishes a state policy that prohibits the Oregon Youth Authority from punishing youth offenders or any other person under the agency’s custody by locking them up in solitary confinement.

For about two years, OYA has worked to reduce and prevent using isolation as punishment, forming internal and external work groups to look at the issue. OYA also began an initiative to focus on teaching youth offenders the skills they need to live productive and positive lives. While it had been against OYA policy to use isolation as punishment, the authority recently lined up its actual practices with the policy. SB 82 would codify into law OYA’s policy prohibiting using isolation as a sanction or punishment. The bill also expands the existing law to include anyone in the custody of OYA, and not just youth offenders. SB 82 now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration”

Death Penalty:

HJR 2:

Proposing amendment to Oregon Constitution relating to the death penalty.

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution prohibiting death penalty.

Current location: In House Committee, House Committee on Judiciary, No hearings scheduled.

See contact information for HB 2130

2. Eliminate Hunger and Homelessness, Increase Family and Community Well-Being – related to Quaker Witness of Community

Housing:

HB 2003: “Repeals prohibition on city or county ordinance or resolution controlling rent charged for rental of dwelling unit.”

Removing state preemption so local governments (like Portland or Eugene) can enact locally-tailored housing solutions.

In House Committee on Human Services and Housing (Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer, chair); no hearings scheduled yet.

Chair: Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer (D-46) 503-986-1446

Vice-Chair: Representative Tawna Sanchez (D-43) 503-986-1443

Vice-Chair: Representative Duane Stark (R-4) 503-986-1404

Members:

Representative Chris Gorsek (D-49) 503-986-1449

Representative Dallas Heard (R-2) 503-986-1402

Representative Mark Meek (D-40) 503-986-1440

Representative Mike Nearman (R-23) 503-986-1423

Representative Ron Noble (R-24) 503-986-1424

Representative Carla Piluso (D-50) 503-986-1450

HB 2004: Making no-cause evictions illegal in Oregon. “Prohibits landlord from terminating month-to-month tenancy without cause except under certain circumstances with 90 days' written notice and payment of relocation expenses.”

In House Committee on Human Services and Housing (Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer, chair); public hearing schedule March 2. A housing coalition rally is planned at the State Capitol for March 2.

See contact information for HB 2003.

HB 2210:

Relating to affordable rental housing assistance.

Directs Housing and Community Services Department to develop and implement Retaining Affordable Rental Housing Program to provide grants to owners of multifamily rental housing to rehabilitate and maintain housing at affordable rental rates

Current Committee: House Committee on Human Services and Housing

Subsequent Referral: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

In House Committee

No hearings scheduled

See contact information for HB 2003.

HB 2570

Relating to nonprofit organizations that provide financial assistance for affordable housing.

Directs Housing and Community Services Department to establish Affordable Homeownership Grant Program to provide grants to eligible nonprofit organizations with affordable homeownership programs to provide opportunities for homeownership to persons in low income households.

House Committee on Human Services and Housing

Subsequent Referral: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Location: In House Committee

No hearings scheduled.

See contact information for HB 2003.

HB 2215

Relating to rights of persons experiencing homelessness.

Establishes Oregon Right to Rest Act.

House Committee on Judiciary

Current location: In House Committee

No hearings scheduled

See contact info for HB 2130.

Health Care:

HB 2726:

“Cover All Kids” – The 2% of Oregon children who are not currently covered by the Oregon Health Plan are essentially the undocumented children. Rep. Diego Hernandez is one of the chief sponsors of **the “cover all kids” bill, HB 2726**, current committee: House Committee on Health Care, Subsequent Referral: Joint committee on Ways and Means, Public Hearing held 2/20/17. No hearings currently scheduled.

House Committee on Health Care:

Chair: Rep. Mitch Greenlick (D-33) – 503-986-1433

Vice-Chair: Rep. Cedric Hayden (R-07) – 503-986-1407

Vice-Chair: Rep. Rob Nosse (D-42) – 503-986-1442

Teresa Alonso Leon (D-22) – 503-986-1422

Knute Buehler (R-54) – 503-986-1454

Jodi Hack (R-19) – 503-986-1419

Bill Kennemer (R-39) – 503-986-1439

Alissa Keny-Guyer (D-46) – 503-986-1446

Sheri Malstrom (D-27) – 503-986-1427

“Requires Oregon Health Authority to convene work group to advise and assist in implementing targeted outreach and marketing for Health Care for All Oregon Children program.

Permits all children residing in Oregon and meeting financial eligibility requirements to enroll in program. Requires authority, in collaboration with Department of Consumer and Business Services if necessary, to seek necessary federal approval or waiver of federal requirements to secure federal financial participation in costs of outreach and marketing and in expansion of eligibility for program. Declares emergency,

effective on passage.”

SB 341:

Relating to tax credit for position with a medical training program in a rural area; prescribing an effective date.

Creates income tax credit for taxpayer working as medical clerk or medical preceptor in rural area.

Current location: Senate Committee on Health Care

Subsequent Referrals: Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
Joint Committee on Tax Credits

No hearings scheduled.

SB 390:

Relating to discrimination in providing access to medical services; declaring an emergency.

Prohibits discrimination based on age, expected length of life, present or predicted disability, degree of medical dependency or quality of life in determination of medical services covered by state medical assistance program, in coverage under medical retainer practice and in issuance of health benefit plans.

Current location: Senate Committee on Health Care

Subsequent Referral: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

No hearing scheduled.

SB 558:

Relating to improving the health of Oregon children; declaring an emergency.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to convene work group to advise and assist in implementing targeted outreach and marketing for Health Care for All Oregon Children program.

Current location: Senate Committee on Health Care

Subsequent Referral: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

No hearings scheduled.

HB 2305:

Relating to health care for children; declaring an emergency.

Authorizes Oregon Health Authority to provide medical assistance, within available funds, to low income children residing in Oregon if necessary to move towards goals of Legislative Assembly expressed in law and to improve health of Oregon communities.

Current location: House Committee on Health Care

No hearings scheduled.

HB 2408:

Relating to access to health services in schools; declaring an emergency.

Appropriates moneys to plan, establish and operate new school-based health centers, to increase student access to school-based mental health providers and to fund pilot program that uses trauma-informed approaches.

Current location: House Committee on Health Care

Subsequent Referral: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

No hearings scheduled.

Foster Care:**HB 2551:**

Relating to children in protective custody; declaring an emergency.

Prohibits placement of child with intellectual disability, who is taken into protective custody, in hotel, motel, inn, hospital, Department of Human Services office of juvenile detention facility

House Committee on Human Services and Housing

In House Committee

Public Hearing held 2/16/17

No hearings currently scheduled.

See contact information for HB 2003.

HB 2451

Relating to foster children.

Establishes medical assistance eligibility for individuals under age 26 who have aged out of foster care in Oregon or another state.

Current location: House Committee on Health Care

Subsequent Referrals: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Public hearing on 2/27/17.

Education: Obviously another large part of the budget discussion. Please help us stay informed on developments.

Beyond the Legislature: Local Actions: The Portland City Council requirement that a landlord doing a no-cause eviction must pay the tenant's moving expenses.

Hunger: As the Interfaith Advocacy Day briefing says, "Our state needs a strong and proactive set of food and economic assistance programs to respond to hunger and to support families moving toward employment and economic stability." Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and the Oregon Hunger Response Fund need to figure in the budget discussions.

Immigration: Oregon law prohibits state resources from being used for federal immigration law enforcement. Our Governor has clearly said that Oregon is a "sanctuary state." In this connection, Executive Order 9066 is also worth noting and celebrating.

Climate:

SB 557: Clean Energy and Jobs Bill

Relating to entities that contribute to greenhouse gas emissions; declaring an emergency.

Repeals greenhouse gas emissions goals and requires Environmental Quality Commission to adopt by rule statewide greenhouse gas emissions goal for 2025, and limits for years 2035 and 2050.

Current location: in Senate committee

Committee: Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Subsequent Referral: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Public hearing scheduled 3/1/17.

Chair: Senator Michael Dembrow (D-23) 503-986-1723

Vice-Chair: Senator Alan Olsen (R-20) 503-986-1720

Members: Senator Herman Baertschiger Jr. (R-2) 503-986-1702

Senator Floyd Prozanski (D-4) 503-986-1704

Senator Arnie Roblan (D-5) 503-986-1705

SB 748: Carbon Pollution Permit Program

Relating to entities that contribute to greenhouse gas emissions; declaring an emergency.

Requires Environmental Quality Commission to adopt carbon pollution permit program by rule

Current location: In Senate Committee

Current Committee: Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Public hearing scheduled 3/1/17.

See contact information for SB 557

There will be a rally for Clean Energy Jobs in on the Capitol Steps in Salem next Wednesday, March 1 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. A hearing on bills, SB 557, and SB 778 will take place from 3:00 - 4:45 pm.

News Release: Speaker Tina Kotek (D-North Portland) and Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) introduce the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Act, HB 2012

To address the competitive challenges that Eastern Oregon communities face because of their proximity to the rapidly growing Boise Valley in Idaho, House Speaker Tina Kotek (D-North Portland) and Representative Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) today introduced the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Act (House Bill 2012). The bill would designate Ontario, Vale, Nyssa, and the immediate surrounding area in southeast Oregon as the “Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region.” It would create a new, locally driven, seven-member board to identify policies and strategies that would promote workforce and economic growth in the region and award targeted grants and loans to support economic growth. The bill requests \$10 million to support the initiative.

HB 2012

Relating to Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region;
declaring an emergency

Defines Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region

Current Location: House Committee on Economic Development and
Trade

Subsequent Referral: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

No public hearings scheduled.

Chair: Representative Ann Lininger (D-38) 503-986-1438

Vice-Chair: Representative Pam Marsh (D-5) 503-986-1405

Vice-Chair: Representative David Brock Smith (R-1) 503-986-1401

Members:

Representative Brian Clem (D-21) 503-986-1421

Representative David Gomberg (D-10) 503-986-1410

Representative Ken Helm (D-34) 503-986-1434

Representative Andy Olson (R-15) 503-986-1415

Representative Bill Post (R-25) 503-986-1425

Representative E. Werner Reschke (R-56) 503-986-1456

Upcoming Town Halls with Representative Diego Hernandez

East Portland Budget Town Hall

Date: Saturday, March 4th

Time: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Place: IRCO

10301 NE Glisan St, Portland OR 97220

Focus: Budgetary priorities

Engaging Democracy

Date: Wednesday, March 15th

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Place: McMenamins Kennedy School

5736 NE 33rd Ave, Portland OR 97211

Focus: A community forum hosted by Race Talks with city, county, state, and federal staffers, where you will learn how to engage in civic action

Constituent Coffee with Representative Hernandez

Date: Saturday, March 18th

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Place: Margaret Scott Elementary School

14700 NE Sacramento St, Portland, OR 97230

Focus: Join me for a cup of coffee or tea, and allow me to update you on how I am advocating for your concerns and priorities in Salem

New Release:

Japanese American Internment Remembrance Day resolution passed unanimously SALEM, Ore.-State Sen. Chuck Thomsen, R-Hood River, sponsored a bipartisan resolution to recognize the historical significance of February 19, 1942, the date President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066. The executive order restricted the freedom of Japanese Americans and other legal resident aliens through required

identification cards, travel restrictions and seizure of personal property. Thomsen released the following statement after the Senate unanimously passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 014: "Hood River is home to a vibrant and inclusive community and we want to recognize the tremendous service, heroism, sacrifice and loyalty of Japanese Americans. "This resolution is one way we can show our respect and honor to Japanese American veterans, internees and their loved ones. We must rise above fear and come together to move Oregon forward. "The Yasui family is a shining example of triumph and determination and it is families like theirs who continue to better our lives and communities. No words will ever account for the darkness in history, but through continued sharing and connecting we will manifest a brighter future for all Oregonians."

From Your Editors:

We'll do our best to have weekly updates during the 2017 legislative session. If you have additions, corrections, questions, or concerns, please contact Mary Priem mkpriem@yahoo.com and/or Zoe Wyse zoe.wyse257@marylhurst.edu