

Oregon Friends Legislative Newsletter for March 5, 2017

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

If you can do only one or two things this week:

Attend or watch one of these hearings, and write your thoughts in a Letter to the Editor:

Hearing on fossil fuel transport through our state: Monday March 13 at 3:00 p.m.: House Committee on Energy and Environment. **HB 2131** “directs Environmental Quality Commission to adopt rules applying certain oil spill prevention and emergency response planning requirements to railroads that own or operate high hazard train routes in this state.” **HB3344** “prohibits Legislative Assembly from funding new bulk coal or oil terminals for biennium beginning July 1, 2017.”

Climate working group: Tuesday March 14 at 5:30 p.m.: an informational meeting titled “Carbon Markets 101.” Speakers to be announced. This working group combines the House and Senate committees that work on climate-related legislation, and they meet every Tuesday in this time slot to work on climate issues. You can also watch their March 7 meeting in archived form.

House Committee on Revenue, Tuesday March 14 at 1:00 p.m.: Their third agenda item is an “informational meeting on business tax reform.” This sounds like it will be a discussion about how an improved version of Measure 97 might be created to address the state’s \$1.7 billion budget shortfall and preserve needed services.

To watch on line: www.oregonlegislature.gov and go to “Citizen Engagement,” “Meetings and Events,” “Audio and Video,” then

the live meetings list or the archived list. (There is a time gap between when the live broadcast happens and when the archive is listed and available; try the next day.)

Letters to the editor really make a difference! For Friends in the Portland area, here is the information for The Oregonian:

GUIDELINES FOR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please email letters of no more than 250 words to letters@oregonian.com. Or mail them to this address:

Letters to the editor, The Oregonian 1500 S.W. First Ave., Suite 400, Portland, Or., 97201.

Please include your full address and daytime phone number, for verification only. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

Is there a district in Oregon which is likely to hold a key swing vote on an issue you care about? Do you know a friend in that district? Invite them to get involved, share our newsletter, etc.

Do you have knowledge or experience that would be helpful testimony on an issue? Write it up and seek how to share it (we can help).

On Climate, here are some volunteer opportunities if you want to give a few hours a week during this session:

Legislative Campaigning

Help is needed by the Sierra Club working at the state legislature to pass the Clean Energy Jobs bill and other important environmental and equity legislation. Time commitment 5-10

hours per month. Email nakisha.nathan@sierraclub.org with subject line “Volunteer Interest”.

Health Team

This is a group of health professionals (including retirees and students) who advocate for climate action, for example by testifying at public hearings. The group is co-led by the Sierra Club and Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility. Time commitment: 2-5 hours per month. Email Diane at dgwinnuci@gmail.com with the subject line “Health Team Interest”.

Save this date for next week:

On Thursday, March 23rd, the environmental community will come together at the Oregon State Capitol to hold our elected officials accountable and ensure Oregon is taking the lead on fighting climate change and protecting our natural legacy.

When: Thursday, March 23rd, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lobby Day Schedule:

9-11 lobby training

11-12 free lunch (RSVP req'd)

12-1 rally on steps

1-4:30 meetings with legislators

Where: Oregon State Capitol (more info on a nearby morning training location coming soon)

This is a day when we have the opportunity to make an incredibly powerful statement for our environment. We hope you will join us.

Britt Conroy

Public Policy Director, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Bills Previously Listed in the Newsletter That Have Committee Meetings Scheduled:

HB 2355 (to gather data about police stops): The House Judiciary Committee held a hearing on March 6 and will have a **work session on Wednesday March 15 at 1:00**, on whether to approve this bill and send it on to Ways and Means.

Judiciary Committee members, if you are led to contact them before their vote, are Reps. Barker, Olson, Williamson, Gorsek, Greenlick, Lininger, Post, Sanchez, Sprenger, Stark, and Vial.

HB 2845 (to establish statewide standards for ethnic studies): **Public hearing in the House Committee on Education, Wednesday March 15 at 3:00.**

As of the end of the day on Friday March 10, there were no other meetings or events scheduled on the bills that were listed in last week's newsletter.

And an Update:

“Cover All Kids,” HB 2726 and SB 558, were approved by their House and Senate Health Committees and have been sent along to the Joint Ways and Means Committee. No hearing scheduled yet in Ways and Means.

A few upcoming events:

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

Constituent Coffee with Senator Michael Dembrow

It's that time again -- our monthly constituent coffee is this Saturday, March 11th. We'll be starting at 9am at the Hollywood Senior Center (1820 NE 40th Ave.). I'll provide the coffee.

East Portland Budget Town Hall

The Clean Green Lobby Machine is back again! On Thursday, March 23rd, the environmental community will come together at the Oregon State Capitol to hold our elected officials accountable and ensure Oregon is taking the lead on fighting climate change and protecting our natural legacy.

When: Thursday, March 23rd, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Rep. Janelle Bynum is teaming up with fellow legislators Diego Hernandez, Alissa Keny-Guyer, Chris Gorsek, and Carla Piluso to hear directly from East Portland residents about the state budget.

The event will be held at IRCO (10301 NE Glisan St, Portland, Oregon 97220) from Noon to 2pm on Saturday, March 4th.

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.

2. 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 hearings 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 3078/SB 894:

HB 3078:

Relating to Public safety.

Modifies eligibility for Family Sentencing Alternative Pilot Program.

Current location: In House Committee on Judiciary

Subsequent Referral: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

No hearings scheduled.

See contact information for HB 2130.

SB 894:

Relating to public safety.

Modifies eligibility for Family Sentencing Alternative Pilot Program.

Current location: Senate Committee on Judiciary

Subsequent Referral: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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

Information on HB 3078/SB 894 from Oregon Justice Resource Center:

What is it?

You may be aware that Oregon is facing the prospect of opening a second women's prison due to continued growth in our women's prison population that is causing overcrowding at the existing prison. While the reforms in this bill will be gender-neutral, they will be particularly helpful in addressing the crisis in our women's prison population.

The bill will:

- fix a program that will strengthen families by allowing parents of younger children to undergo intensive supervision and services instead of prison

- increase the length of short-term transitional leave and services which are proven to reduce recidivism while saving money
- realign drug and property crime laws to save on prison costs and allow us to invest in intensive supervision and treatment
- protect the Justice Reinvestment Initiative which aims to flatline prison growth and invest in local services
- maintain funding for victims' services

Why are we supporting it?

Our [Women in Prison Project](#) is the first and only program in Oregon to exclusively address the needs of women intersecting with our criminal justice system. It's clear to us from the women we work with that Oregon has a problem around women's incarceration. The number of women in prison in our state has tripled in 20 years, even while crime rates and arrest rates have fallen. Much of women's incarceration is driven by drug crime and property crime which is fueled by addiction. It's time for Oregon to recognize that locking people up does nothing to fix their addictions. We need to shift focus from the failed policies of over-incarceration towards investing in smarter alternatives that will strengthen families and do much more to prevent recidivism.

HB 2355:

Relating to public safety; declaring an emergency

Directs Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to develop method for recording data concerning officer-initiated pedestrian and traffic stops.

Current location: House Committee on Judiciary

Subsequent Referral: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Public hearing held 3/6/17.
Work session scheduled 3/15/17.

See contact information for HB 2130.

Information on HB 2355 (Profiling and Drug Defelonization) from Oregon Justice Resource Center:

What is it?

This bill requires Oregon law enforcement agencies to record demographic data on their interactions with members of the public during traffic or pedestrian stops. The goal is obtain and analyze data to see whether and what kinds of profiling are taking place which would then make addressing the problem possible. Profiling means the targeting of an individual by a law enforcement officer on suspicion of having broken the law, based solely on factors such as real or perceived race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, nationality etc.

This bill will also reclassify certain drug possession offenses as misdemeanors rather than felonies. Felony convictions have numerous serious implications that can have lifelong consequences for those convicted.

Why are we supporting it?

The data we have on racial and ethnic disparities in Oregon's justice system may be patchy, but what we have so far is not good. [A Multnomah County report last year showed people of color experience more negative outcomes at every stage of the criminal justice system.](#) Those problems start with arrest rates where black people are more than four times more likely to be referred to the DA's office by law enforcement. Ensuring that

officers capture data on the people they stop is critical to understanding what kinds of profiling may be taking place and then we can do something about fixing them.

Felony convictions make it much more difficult for people to build successful lives after incarceration. Basic necessities such as finding a job or housing can become incredibly difficult. Penalizing people so harshly for a drug possession offense is excessive. We need to focus resources on treatment and other support services that will help people deal with their addictions. In addition, [data reveal stark racial and ethnic disparities in convictions for felony drug possession in Oregon](#), even though national research shows people of different racial groups use drugs at similar rates. [Polling shows Oregonians strongly support defelonization and would be more likely to vote for district attorneys or sheriffs who also support it.](#)

SB 692:

Relating to the financial administration of the Public Defense Services Commission; declaring an emergency.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Public Defense Services Commission for pre-entry pilot program.

Current location: Senate Committee on Judiciary

Subsequent Referral: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Public hearing and work session scheduled 3/14/17.

See contact information for SB 894.

Information on SB 692 (The Pre-Entry Pilot Program) from Oregon Justice Resource Center:

What is it?

This bill will fund a pilot program based at Metropolitan Public

Defender Services in Portland and at a rural public defender office. It will provide access to a social worker for people who are entering prison or jail. This will help them make arrangements to suspend or defer obligations while incarcerated to improve credit, avoid debt, and reduce barriers to successful reentry.

Why are we supporting it?

We provide civil legal services to women in prison and people who are rejoining the community after incarceration. Through this work, we have seen the many, often serious, knock-on effects that come with a criminal conviction and incarceration that are not directly related to the conviction itself. For example, people may go into prison or jail and stop paying rent so they get an eviction on their record. When they leave incarceration, that bad record may stop them finding housing which puts them at greater risk of reoffending.

How will the pilot program help?

We believe that a relatively small investment at the front-end will translate into major savings later. If people are helped to get their affairs in order before they go into prison or jail, they're less likely to emerge from incarceration facing numerous urgent and difficult-to-solve problems that may prevent them successfully reintegrating and staying out of trouble.

Two bills that the NAACP is following are **HB 2355 and HB 2238**: the former is concerned with getting OR Criminal Justice Commission to develop a method for recording data concerning officer-initiated pedestrian and traffic stops; HB 2238 is concerned with proposed reductions in criminal classification of unlawful

possession of controlled substances. This bill may be folded into **HB 2355**.

Another bill is **SB 496**, which requires grand jury proceedings to be recorded, bringing about greater transparency.

HB 2355:

Relating to public safety; declaring an emergency.

Directs Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to develop method for recording data concerning officer-initiated pedestrian and traffic stops.

Current location: House Committee on Judiciary

Subsequent Referral: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Public hearing held 3/6/17.

Work session scheduled 3/15/17.

See contact information for HB 2130

HB 2238:

Reduces crime classification of unlawful possession of controlled substance in Schedule I. Punishes by maximum of one year's imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both, except in specified circumstances.

Current location: House Committee on Judiciary

Subsequent Referral: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

No hearings scheduled.

See contact information for HB 2130

SB 496:

Relating to recording of grand jury proceedings; declaring an emergency.

Directs presiding judges of judicial districts within state to ensure proceedings before grand jury are recorded.

Current Location: Senate Committee on Judiciary
Subsequent Referral: Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Public hearing held 3/8/17 and 3/9/17.

See contact info for SB 232

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 Committee on Judiciary

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 on 2/27/17. Referred to Speaker’s desk. Referred to Judiciary on 3/3/17.

See contact information for HB 2130.

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

3. 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 was held on March 2. A housing coalition rally was held on 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

Public hearing held 3/9/17.

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. Work session held 3/8/17.

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.”

HB 2232:

Relating to reproductive health care; declaring an emergency. Requires health benefit plan coverage of specified health care services, drugs, devices, products and procedures related to reproductive health.

Current location: House Committee on Health Care

Subsequent referral to Joint Committee on Ways and Means

See contact info for HB 2726.

HB 2862:

Relating to appropriations to the Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program; declaring an emergency.

Allocates \$350,000 to Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program.

Current location: House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development

Subsequent referral: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

No hearings scheduled.

Chair: Representative Jeff Reardon (D-48) 503-986-1448

Vice-Chairs: Representative Teresa Alonso Leon (D-22) 503-986-1422

Representative Gene Whisnant (R-53) 503-986-1453

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

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

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

Representative Mark Johnson (R-52) 503-986-1452

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

Representative Janeen Sollman (D-30) 503-986-1430

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.

Chair: Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson (D-25) 503-986-1725

Vice-Chair: Senator Jeff Kruse (R-1) 503-986-1701

Members: Senator Lee Beyer (D-6) 503-986-1706

Senator Tim Knopp (R-27) 503-986-1727

Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward (D-17) 503-986-1717

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.

See contact info for SB 341.

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: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Public Hearing held 2/21/17.

Work session held 3/7/17.

Recommendation of do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference on 3/8/17.

Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference on 3/8/17.

Co-Chairs: Senator Richard Devlin (D-19) 503-986-1719

Representative Nancy Nathanson (D-13) 503-986-1413

Co-Vice Chairs:

Senator Betsy Johnson (D-16) 503-986-1716

Senator Jackie Winters (R-10) 503-986-1710

Representative Dan Rayfield (D-16) 503-986-1416

Representative Greg Smith (R-57) 503-986-1457

Members:

Senator Alan DeBoer (R-3) 503-986-1703

Senator Lew Frederick (D-22) 503-986-1722

Senator Fred Girod (R-9) 503-986-1709

Senator Bill Hansell (R-29) 503-986-1729

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

Senator Rod Monroe (D-24) 503-986-1724

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

Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward (D-17) 503-986-1717

Senator Chuck Thomsen (R-26) 503-986-1726

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

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

Representative John Huffman (R-59) 503-986-1459

House Republican Leader Mike McLane (R-55) 503-986-1400

Representative Barbara Smith Warner (D-45) 503-986-1445
Representative Duane Stark (R-4) 503-986-1404
Representative Gene Whisnant (R-53) 503-986-1453
House Democratic Leader Jennifer Williamson (D-36) 503-986-1436

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.

See contact info for HB 2726

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.

See contact info for HB 2726

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 held 2/27/17.

See contact info for HB 2726

News Release:

Representative Piluso's Foster Youth Sibling Bill of Rights Passes Unanimously Out of the Oregon House Committee on Human Services and Housing

Representative Piluso's bill, the Foster Sibling Bill of Rights (HB 2216), passed unanimously out of committee this morning with bipartisan support.

This bill defines rights for foster siblings, including the right of foster youth to live in homes where foster parents have been trained on the importance of sibling relationships, require more privacy for sibling communication, be notified in a timely manner if a sibling experiences a catastrophic event, and develop a contact plan if siblings are not placed in foster care together.

The bill concept was brought to Representative Piluso by foster youth, who developed the concept at the Oregon Foster Youth Connection's 2016 Annual Policy Conference and went on to name it as their number one legislative priority for 2017. Alexis Baska, a foster youth who testified on the bill, told the committee that "keeping in contact with my siblings would've helped reduce the trauma, anxiety, and depression that I experienced" while in foster care.

Representative Piluso agrees that this bill is important because "when youth are separated from their siblings, they lose an important connection that can help them survive and move forward in very difficult circumstances. Keeping siblings together is good for children and families." The Representative will carry the bill on the House floor.

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

HB 3347:

Relating to reporting procedure related to hostile educational environments.

Directs Department of Education to identify and adopt procedures for reporting and collecting data related to acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying and acts of cyberbullying.

Current location: Speakers desk: Awaiting Referral

Summary from Representative Diego Hernandez:

HB 3347 institutes a state statute that will ensure school-based incidents stemming from xenophobia, racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of harassment continue to be tracked

regardless of Betsy DeVos's actions. This legislation will safeguard the annual reporting of civil rights data collection for K-12 schools in Oregon.

HB 2845:

Relating to statewide social studies standards; declaring an emergency.

Directs Department of Education to convene advisory group to develop statewide ethnic studies standards for adoption into existing statewide social studies standards for public kindergarten through grade 12.

Current location: House Committee on Education

Public hearing scheduled 3/15/17.

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

Vice-Chairs: Representative Diego Hernandez (D-47) 503-986-1447

Representative Carl Wilson (R-3) 503-986-1403

Members:

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Representative Janeen Sollman (D-30) 503-986-1430

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

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

HB 2864:

Relating to cultural competence at post-secondary institutions of education.

Requires each community college and public university to establish cultural competency oversight committee.

Current location: House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development
Public hearing held 3/2/17.
No hearings scheduled.

See contact info for HB 2862.

Transportation:

HB 3346:

Relating to student transportation; declaring an emergency.
Establishes grant program under which Department of Education awards grants to school districts for percentage of certain student transportation costs for which school district does not receive any amount in distributions from State School Fund.
Current location: Speaker's desk—awaiting referral.

Summary from Representative Diego Hernandez:

I'll be co-sponsoring HB 3346 an initiative which will help high-school-aged youth get to and from school and meet all their other needs, such as extracurricular and employment, through better access to transit. School districts can apply for grant funding to subsidize youth transit passes and/or increase transportation services to meet student needs.

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.

Housing, Schools, and Community:

HB 2433 “directs Housing and Community Services Department to establish pilot program in which department constructs low-income senior housing development on school district land and school district rents to low-income seniors at reduced rent in exchange for classroom assistance.” An interesting concept!

Hearing is Thursday, March 16, at 8:00 a.m. in the House Committee on Human Services and Housing; listen to learn more; the sponsor of this bill is Rep. Julie Parrish (R-District 37, Tualatin/West Linn).

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 held 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 held 3/1/17.

See contact information for SB 557

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

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News Release:

**Oregon Senate honors law enforcement officers for sacrifices
Four resolutions recognize personnel who gave their lives in
the line of duty**

SALEM – With four separate resolutions, the Oregon Senate today honored the service and sacrifice of four law enforcement personnel who gave their lives to make their communities, and this state, safer.

The four Senate Concurrent Resolutions passed unanimously and friends and family members of the four law enforcement professionals were in attendance. Sen. Floyd Prozanski (D-Eugene) and Sen. Betsy Johnson (D-Scappoose) carried the resolutions on the Senate floor.

- Sergeant Jason Michael Goodding was born in Portland in 1976 and was killed in the line of duty on Feb. 5, 2016. A Sherwood High School graduate, Goodding went on to earn a psychology degree from Portland State University. He was hired by the Seaside Police Department in 2003 and became a sergeant in 2007. During his service there, Goodding served as a mentor and leader who worked to improve the lives of the people of Clatsop County.

“Jason Goodding reflected the very best in community policing,” said Johnson, who carried the resolution recognizing Goodding. “Jason was the cop every town wanted to have on their police department.”

- Deputy Roy Hugo Dirks was born in 1936 and was killed in the line of duty on April 1, 1975. Born in Roseburg, Dirks graduated from Brookings-Harbor High School and joined the United States Army, serving as a boxer and military officer in Germany. In 1958, he went to work for the Eugene Police Department. In 1965, he joined the Lane County Sheriff’s Office as a motorcycle deputy in Cottage Grove. Dirks joined the LCSO Detectives Unit in 1967 and, during that time, educated local youth about the dangers of drugs.

- Deputy Carlton Edmund Smith was born in 1932 in Salem and was killed in the line of duty on July 6, 1965. He graduated from Reedsport High School and served with the Springfield Police Department for two years. Later, he joined the Lane County Sheriff’s Office and on his first day, lost his life in the line of duty one hour before the conclusion of his first shift. He was passionate and dedicated to his job, and passed those attributes down to his children, two of whom pursued careers in law enforcement.

- Deputy Robert Milton Riley was born in 1922 and was killed in the line of duty on Aug. 17, 1958. Born in Elkton, Riley attended Elkton High School. He was a member of Merrill’s Marauders during World War II and joined the Eugene Police Department after returning from the war. Law enforcement became engrained in the family, as Riley’s son went on to join the Eugene Police Department and currently serves as chief of the Latgawa Tribal Police.

“Many young men and women who serve in uniform also serve their communities in other ways, helping people to get off on the

right foot. They truly care for their communities,” Prozanski said. “We are honoring individuals who put their lives on the line at the call of duty, and gave the greatest sacrifice a person can give, to keep their communities safe.”

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

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