



# GO! BULLETIN

## Oregon's Budget Process Continues

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this past week, Lilia Teninty in the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services presented more detailed information on the Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS) to the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services. In addition to providing a general overview of the program, her presentation covered:



- Who ODDS serves
- How individuals access services
- What services and supports are available
- Employment First
- Accomplishments since 2015-2017
- Major challenges ODDS anticipates in the future

The committee asked questions on a variety of topics. The following is just a sampling of the issues that were touched on in the discussions:

- Growth in the number of kids served since Oregon adopted the K Plan
- The Fairview Housing Trust
- Minimum wage and 14(c) certificates
- System sustainability
- What people should expect from services to kids and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Status of 30% reduction in service hours implemented in 2016 and the exceptions process
- Federal guidance for natural supports
- The "one assessment" tool ODDS plans to implement in 2017
- Direct Support Professional wages and workforce capacity
- Relationships with case managers
- Sheltered workshops
- The difference in cost per case in different parts of the IDD system
- Discrimination against individuals with intellectual disabilities in health

care settings.

If you missed the hearing, follow these links to watch the video ([Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#)) and check out the [presentation materials](#).

Next up is Trina Lee on **Monday, March 27th at 8:30 am** in HR F, to provide more detailed information on DHS's Vocational Rehabilitation services.

## Public Testimony Opportunity for DD Services!

On **March 28th at 8:30 am** in HR F, the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Services will be taking public testimony on the Aging & People with Disabilities, Developmental Disability Services and Vocational Rehabilitation Services budgets.

**If you have a story about the importance of developmental disability services in your life, now is the time to speak up!**

### What to expect at the public testimony hearing:

These budget hearings are typically very crowded. The committee wants to hear your stories, so they will limit testimony to just two minutes per person. Make sure you plan what you want to say before you go to the Capitol. Plan to arrive early to sign in to the testimony sheet! Even if you don't plan to give public testimony, you can still show support by wearing yellow in support of the DD Community and showing up at the hearing.

### How to prepare testimony:

Begin by providing your name and the city you live in. Then tell the committee why you care about DD services. Remember to keep your story short and powerful about how DD services help you or someone you care about be a part of their community.

We suggest that you include a request for continued funding levels for DD Services, along with a sentence or two about what services have made a difference in your life with a quick example about how the services help you. Be sure to thank the committee members when you finish your testimony.

To help you prepare your testimony, we have provided a [Fact Sheet](#) on the Coalition's funding priorities which include [Family Networks](#), [Case Management](#), [Direct Support Professional Wages](#) and the Fairview Housing Trust.

Here is a link to a recent video showing how to effectively provide testimony with support: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAaDe2WERKo>



Gabrielle Guedon is shown providing testimony at the Oregon State Capitol

**If you are not able to give testimony in person:**

Please email your testimony about the importance of funding DD Services at continued service levels to the members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Human Services Subcommittee and staff for that committee as follows:

Co-Chair [Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward](#)

Co-Chair [Representative Dan Rayfield](#)

Member [Senator Sara Gelser](#)

Member [Senator Jackie Winters](#)

Member [Representative Teresa Alonso Leon](#)

Member [Representative Knute Buehler](#)

Member [Representative Cedric Hayden](#)

Member [Representative Sheri Malstrom](#)

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If you would like to share a copy of the testimony you have prepared, you are welcome to email [oregoniddcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:oregoniddcoalition@gmail.com). We would love to read your thoughts about the importance of funding developmental disability services in Oregon.

## Legislative Deadline Approaching

We are entering the ninth week of the 2017 legislative session, and the pace is picking up!

There have been 2,709 bills introduced so far this session, and many of those bills could "die" in committee if they do not have a work session scheduled in the "chamber of origin" by **April 7th**.

The following example might help clarify what this means: if a bill is introduced on the House side and then assigned to the House Human Services Committee. That bill needs to have a hearing and work session scheduled with the House Human Services Committee before **April 7th** or they will not move forward in the legislative process this session. That is why we say it "dies."

*Note: This deadline does not apply to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, other joint committees, the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue, House Committee on Revenue, and the Senate and House Committees on Rules. Bills that are assigned to these committees can be acted on right up until the end of the session.*

Committees are working hard to schedule bills and agendas are filling up. The IDD Coalition is tracking the budget and policy bills that could potentially impact the developmental disabilities community, and we will continue to keep you apprised of key bills as they move through the legislative process.

## Policy Bills and Upcoming Hearings of Interest This Week:

Below are some of the bills we are tracking with hearings coming up this week. You can view the current [Coalition Priority Bills Report](#) to stay updated.

### March 27th - Monday

- 8:30 AM / HR F: Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Human Services Subcommittee) SB 5526 Phase 2 budget presentation on "Vocational Rehabilitation" with Trina Lee, Office of Developmental Disability Services
- 1:00 pm / HR D: Senate Committee on Human Services Work sessions on the following bills:
  - SB 104 (modifies provisions relating to registry of persons who provide care in certain facilities)
  - SB 834 (Department of Human Services to develop and present a proposal for creation of human rights commission)

### March 28th - Tuesday

- 8:00 AM / HR 343: Senate Committee on Judiciary Public hearing and work session on SB 846 (prohibits use of physical restraints in juvenile court proceedings on youth, youth offender or young person with exceptions)
- 8:00 AM / HR E: House Committee on Human Services and Housing Work session on HB 2685 (requires Department of Human Services or designee of department to offer adult with intellectual or developmental disability who qualifies for comprehensive services at least

- one placement other than congregate living arrangement)
- 8:30 AM / HR F: **Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Human Services Subcommittee)** SB 5526 "Public Testimony Day" for DD, OVRS and APD
- 3:00 / HR C: **Senate Committee on Education** Public hearing on SB 111 (establishes grant program to assist school districts in complying with school nursing service requirements); work session on SB 351 (directs Secretary of State to conduct audit of use of statewide summative assessment in public schools in this state)

### March 29th - Wednesday

- 1:00 PM / HR D: **Senate Committee on Human Services** Public hearing on SB 1018 (establishes Oregon Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing Program within Department of Human Services)
- 3:00 PM / HR C: **House Committee on Education**
  - Public hearing on HB 3340 (requires Department of Education to develop and provide written materials regarding apprenticeship opportunities to public high schools) and HJR 28 (proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to require Legislative Assembly, in each odd-numbered year regular session, to appropriate moneys to fund public education before passing any other budget bill)
  - Work session on HB 3352 (establishes Task Force on Funding for School Behavioral Health Support)

### March 30th - Thursday

- 1:00 PM / HR 343: **House Committee on Judiciary** Public hearing and work session on HB 2992 (requires school district board and public charter school governing body to adopt and implement policy that requires volunteers to undergo criminal records check).
- 3:00 PM / HR C: **Senate Committee on Education** Public hearing on SB 1003 (prescribes requirements for screening tests related to dyslexia)
- 3:00 PM / HR D: **House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development** Work session on HB 2965 (establishes Task Force on Workforce Development for People with Disabilities)

### Interested in tracking bills and hearings?

- Use the Oregon Legislature's [Capitol e-Subscribe](#) service to receive bill alerts for individual bills as they move through the legislative process, receive committee agendas, news from members of the legislative body and more.
- You can also watch or listen to live or archived [video and audio](#) of Oregon Senate and House chamber sessions and Committee hearings.

**DD Advocacy Day at the Capitol focusing on EI/ECSE Services - April 10th**

Join us in Salem on Monday, April 10th for the next DD Advocacy Day when we will be focusing our advocacy on Early Intervention / Early Childhood Special Education Services.

The GO! Project Advocacy Team will be on hand in Room 257 of the Capitol Building to provide information, training and support for your visits. Check in at the DD Advocacy Headquarters before and after your visits. And remember to wear yellow to show your support of the DD Community!

Each Advocacy Day includes:

- 11AM Training overview on the legislature and meeting your legislator
- Support to practice your talking points for your legislative meeting
- Support to get to your legislator's office and debrief after your meeting

Make appointments with your legislators and plan to join us for a fun day of advocacy. Hope to see you there!

To find out who your State Representative and State Senator are, use this link:  
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