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Advocacy in Action at the State Budget Road Shows



The Developmental Disability Community was out in force at the first two state budget hearings of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means statewide "road show" held in Salem and Portland this past week!

Thanks to all of you for your presence and contributions, whether you gave testimony, sent emails to the committee, or showed up in yellow to make a show of unity in the DD community. All your efforts have an impact.

Now, we need your help to keep up the momentum at the rest of the statewide public hearings!

Where the state budget road show is headed to next:

Hermiston	Friday, FEB 17	5PM	Hermiston High School	IDDC Event Link
Madras	Saturday, FEB 18	1PM	Madras High School	IDDC Event Link
Ashland	Friday, FEB 24	5PM	Southern Oregon University	IDDC Event Link
Eugene	Saturday, FEB 25	1PM	Lane Community College	IDDC Event Link
Tillamook	Friday, MAR 3	6PM	Port of Tillamook Bay	IDDC Event Link

To support you at these statewide budget town halls, we have identified "hosts" from the Family Networks in each region who will be on site at the events to provide you with rally signs, fact sheets, advocacy stickers and more. If you are on social media, please register on the IDD Coalition's Facebook event links listed above for details on your local road show event, to connect with these hosts, and receive the latest information.

What to expect:

Be prepared for large crowds, and plan to arrive early, especially if you want to sign up to give testimony (at least 1 ½ hours early). The sign-up sheet to give a two-minute testimony fills up quickly. Even if you don't plan to give testimony, your presence at these events, wearing and/or waving yellow items in support of the DD Community, will send the message to legislators that the DD Community is unified in its support of DD programs and services. Check out the [video](#) posted on Facebook by FACT Oregon

about why they wear yellow.

How to prepare testimony:

Begin by providing your name, the city you live in and why you care about DD services. 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. End with an expression of appreciation.

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.

If you live in Salem or Portland area and did not have an opportunity to give your testimony in person:

You can email your testimony directly to waysandmeans.budget@oregonlegislature.gov.

If you want to share a copy of your testimony with the Coalition, you can also email it to us at oregoniddcoalition@gmail.com. We would love to read your thoughts about the importance of funding developmental disability services in Oregon.

Oregon IDD Coalition's 2017 Legislative Priorities

People with Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities, their families and communities are stronger when an effective system of supports is available to meet people's needs across their lifespan. To ensure the health and safety of Oregonians with I/DD, we are asking the State to properly fund the DD Services System. Use the links below to access fact sheets and perspective pages for the Coalition's Priorities this legislative session:

[Legislative Priorities](#) | [Family Networks](#) | [Case Management](#) | [Direct Support Professional Wages](#) | [Fairview Housing Trust](#)

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.

February 13th - Monday

- 8:30 AM / HR F: Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Human Services Subcommittee) - [HB 5026:A](#) The Oregon Health Authority will be continuing its "Phase 1" budget testimony with invited testimony from the OHA Health Systems Division
- 1:00 pm / HR D: Senate Committee on Human Services - Will hold work sessions on several child welfare bills, including:
 - [SB 243](#) - expands the definition of "child in care" to include children receiving care and services from certified foster homes and developmental disabilities residential facilities.
 - [SB 397](#) - work group to develop common client confidentiality release form to be used by public bodies and community organizations to enable sharing of confidential information.
- 3:00 pm / HR E: House Committee On Health Care -
 - Public hearing on [HB 2398](#) - prohibits health care provider from billing medical assistance recipient.
 - Public hearing and possible work session on [HB 2723](#) - prohibits exclusion of hippotherapy from services provided in medical assistance.

February 14th - Tuesday

- 8:15 AM / HR 343: Senate Committee on Judiciary - work session on [SB 82](#), which sets policy that sanctions and punishment for youth in physical custody of the Oregon Youth Authority may not include placing the offender alone in a locked room.
- 8:30 AM / HR F: Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Human Services Subcommittee) - [HB 5026A](#) The Oregon Health Authority will be continuing its "Phase 1" budget testimony with invited testimony from the OHA Health Systems Division.

February 15th - Wednesday

- 8:30 AM / HR F: Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Human Services Subcommittee) - [HB 5026A](#) - The Oregon Health Authority will be continuing its "Phase 1" testimony with invited testimony from the OHA Health Systems Division.
- 1:00 PM / HR D: Senate Committee on Human Services -
 - Public Hearing on [SB 238](#) (requires DHS to pay contract providers of comprehensive services to adults with physical, intellectual or developmental disabilities amounts sufficient so that they can pay 150 percent of minimum wage to direct support professionals (DSPs); also requires DHS to provide online training to DSPs and offer need-based grants to access online training).
 - Public hearing on [SB 104](#) (modifies provisions relating to a registry of persons who provide care in certain facilities).
- 3:00 pm / HR E: House Committee On Health Care -
 - Public hearing on [HB 2552](#) (requiring short-term mental health treatment and residential care to be provided on each campus of the Oregon State Hospital; authorizes peace officers to take persons in need to treatment to state hospital short-term treatment facilities).
 - Public hearing on [HB 2839](#) (basically prohibits discrimination against a potential recipient of an anatomical gift based on disability or the ability to perform major life activities).

February 16th - Thursday

- 8:00 AM / HR 343: Senate Committee on Judiciary - Holding a public hearing and work session on [SB 493](#) (adds to the crime of assault in the 4th degree when a person with criminal negligence causes serious physical injury to a vulnerable user of a public way by means of motor vehicle).
- 8:00 AM / HR E: House Committee On Human Services and Housing -
 - Public hearing on [HB 2728](#) (requires DHS to pay comprehensive services providers at rates that are not less than those paid for similar services provided by personal support workers or direct care providers in secure residential treatment homes or facilities).
 - Work session on [HB 2216](#) (Oregon Foster Children's Sibling Bill of Rights).
 - Public hearing on [HB 2551](#) (prohibits placement of a child with intellectual disability, who is taken into protective custody, in a hotel, motel, inn, hospital, DHS office or juvenile detention facility).
- 8:30 AM / HR F: Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Human Services Subcommittee) - [HB 5026A](#) The Oregon Health Authority will be continuing its "Phase 1" testimony with invited testimony from the OHA Health Systems Division.

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.

Upcoming DD Advocacy Days at the Capitol

Join us in advocacy during the 2017 Legislative Session at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem. The Oregon Intellectual / Developmental Disability Coalition's GO! Project Advocacy Team will be available to provide information, training and support from 10 AM to 2 PM on any of these dates: **Monday 2/27, 3/20, 4/10, 5/1, 5/22 and 6/12.**

Read the National DD Advocacy Alert GO Bulletin! #3 US

The Oregon IDD Coalition's Grassroots Oregon Project is now publishing a separate GO Bulletin to keep you informed about advocacy action needed to protect federal funding for essential services. Read this week's [National News GO! Bulletin](#) on how you can take action by contacting our federal Senators and House Members.

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