



GO! BULLETIN

Upcoming State Revenue Forecast

Legislators from the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue and the House Committee on Revenue will convene a joint session on **February 22, 2017, at 8:30 am in HR A** to receive the March 2017 Revenue Forecast from the Office of Economic Analysis. This will give them a better idea of the revenues the state is projecting for the 2017-19 biennium.

The Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means had suggested they would be following up their "existing resources" high level budget with a "Co-Chairs' Recommended Budget" sometime after this economic and revenue forecast and after getting public input on the forecast from its town halls across the state, so stay tuned for that!

We are hoping the forecast will be projecting additional funds available to fill the state's \$1.8 billion shortfall in its budget, which could reduce the need for cuts to the Department of Human Services budget.

Advocacy in Action at the State Budget Road Shows

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means statewide "Budget Road Show" moved on to **Hermiston** and **Madras** this past weekend, and once again the developmental disability community was out in force wearing yellow!



Let's continue the momentum...

Where the state budget road show is headed to next:

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

Please connect with the "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.

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 are not able to give testimony in person:

Please email your testimony about the importance of funding DD Services at continued service levels to waysandmeans.budget@oregonlegislature.gov.

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

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 20th - Monday

- 8:30 AM / HR F: Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Human Services Subcommittee) - [HB 5026](#) - The Oregon Health Authority will be continuing Phase 1 testimony from the OHA Health Policy and Analytics
- 1:00 pm / HR D: Senate Committee on Human Services will hold a work session on [SB 104](#), which modifies provisions relating to a registry of persons who provide care in certain facilities.

February 21st - Tuesday

- 8:00 AM / HR E: House Committee on Human Services and Housing work session on [HB 2216](#), regarding Oregon Foster Children's Sibling Bill of Rights
- 8:30 AM / HR F: Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Human Services Subcommittee) - [HB 5026](#) - The Oregon Health Authority will be continuing Phase 1 testimony from the OHA Health Systems Division. PUBLIC TESTIMONY (may be limited to 2-3 minutes/person).
- 3:00 PM / HR C: Senate Committee on Education - Public hearing on [SB 574](#), which increases the threshold under which a school district may receive additional State School Fund moneys for student eligible for special education and increases the amount transferred each year to the High Cost Disabilities Account.

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- OR 1:00 PM / HR D: Senate Committee on Human Services - The Committee will be holding public hearings on two important special education bills:
 - [SB 262](#): Establishes timelines by which evaluations must be completed to determine eligibility for special education.
 - [SB 263](#): Limits school district's ability to require students to participate in abbreviated school day program.
- 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.

February 23rd - Thursday

- 8:30 AM / HR F: Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Human Services Subcommittee) - [HB 5026](#) - The Oregon Health Authority will be continuing its Phase 1 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 at the Capitol to provide information, training and support from 10 AM to 2 PM:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 in Room 167A
Focus on Direct Support Professional (DSP) Wages

Also mark your calendar for Monday 3/20, 4/10, 5/1, 5/22 and 6/12

- Begin by finding out who your State Representative and State Senator are, just click on this link and enter your home address.
- Schedule visits with your State Senator and State Representative on any of these dates to discuss the importance of DD Services.
- Review the Oregon IDD Coalition Priorities to help you identify which focus topic you want to discuss with your legislators.
- Wear something yellow to show unity in advocacy.
- Check in at the DD Advocacy Headquarters before and after your visits.

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

EVERY ACTION YOU TAKE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Read the National DD Advocacy Alert GO Bulletin! #4 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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