



## GO! BULLETIN

### Proposed State Budget Reductions

As reported last week, the Joint Ways and Means Committee Co-Chairs released a [2017-19 Target Reduction List](#) and there is an urgent need for additional advocacy to help legislators understand how the following reductions would impact the lives of Oregonians with developmental disabilities and their families:

- Changes in eligibility requirements to count parental income for children's eligibility; and require 3 limitation areas instead of 2 for adults and children's eligibility. Download the new [Eligibility Changes Fact Sheet](#) for details.
- Eliminating bed hold payments for group homes, supported living, and children's services could displace people with disabilities from their homes.
- Decreasing Brokerage and CDDP funding from 95% to 91% equity reduces access to case management services.
- Cutting regional program staff which support CDDPs in various ways such as providing crisis support and training.
- Eliminating the family support program which cuts access to limited funding allocations for services to children.
- Restricting personal support worker overtime.
- Closing three Eliot Stabilization & Crisis Unit Homes.

In addition, reductions have also been targeted for the following:

- Vocational Rehabilitation: Decreasing client services and implementing prioritized waitlist for services.
- Oregon Health Plan: No longer covering ACA expansion population means about 350,000 low-income adults would lose health care coverage; would also result in the loss of about \$5 billion in federal matching funds in the 2017-19 biennium.

Your continued advocacy in support of developmental disability services is needed now more than ever!

## Continued Advocacy Priorities

While we are now focusing our attention on helping legislators understand how the proposed budget cuts listed above (including changing Eligibility, eliminating Bed Hold Payments and reducing Case Management funding) would hurt Oregonians with Developmental Disabilities, we continue to pursue full funding for DSP Wages, Family Networks, and the Fairview Housing Trust.

**STATE ADVOCACY**

Contact Oregon State Legislators to request the right services at the right time in the right amount including:

- Case Management
- Raise DSP Wages
- Family Networks
- Fairview Housing Trust

**Harmful Eligibility Changes:**

- Counting Parental Income for Kids
- Moving from 2 to 3 Functional Limitations

You can make a difference! Please participate in a Week of Advocacy for DD Services at this critical point in the legislative session! Here's how...

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>A Week of Advocacy for DD Services</b>				

To help legislators understand the how the proposed targeted reductions described above hurt Oregonians with developmental disabilities, we have planned daily advocacy activities for this coming week in addition to Monday's Advocacy Day at the Capitol which has been on our event calendar all session long.

We hope you will contact your State Senator, State Representative and the Joint Committee on Ways & Means Subcommittee on Human Services about how the proposed budget cuts to DD Services would impact you!

**MONDAY**      **GO TO THE CAPITOL** for a DD Advocacy Day from 10AM to 2PM. Visit Room 257 for information and support before and after your scheduled visits with legislators. Training provided at 11AM. Wear yellow!

**TUESDAY**      **EMAIL** your State Senator, State Representative and Ways & Means Human Services Subcommittee and describe how the proposed budget cuts impact you.

**WEDNESDAY**      **CALL** your State Senator, State Representative and Ways & Means Human Services Subcommittee and share your story about how the proposed budget cuts would affect your life.

**THURSDAY**      **PHOTO RALLY** - Take a photo of yourself holding a Print & GO [Rally Sign](#) and post on Social Media. Share with your State Senator and Representative.

**FRIDAY**      **VIDEO MESSAGING** - Take a one minute video of yourself talking about how budget cuts would impact you, and share it with your State Senator, State Representative and Ways & Means Human Services Subcommittee through Social Media and/or Email.

It's quick and easy to find out who your State Senator and State Representative are at <http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/>

Here are the email addresses for the Members of the Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Human Services:

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Please send an email to [oregoniddcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:oregoniddcoalition@gmail.com) to let us know what you did to advocate for Oregonians with developmental disabilities this week. We would love to read what you shared via email to your two state legislators and the Ways & Means Human Services Subcommittee.

***Now, Let's GO!***

## **Policy Bill Deadlines and Hearings of Interest**

The next policy bill deadline we'll be watching is in three short weeks. Bills must have a work session scheduled in the second chamber by May 19th or they will die in committee.\* Bills that make it past that hurdle have to be worked and passed out of committee by June 2nd or they will die. Most policy committees are scheduled to conclude their business and close for the legislative session on June 2nd. From that point forward, legislators will be working to move bills off the House and Senate floors and they will be working to pass a balanced budget so they can wrap up the session and go home no later than the constitutional sine die of July 10th.

You can review a current report of the Priority 1 and 2 bills the IDD Coalition is tracking [here](#).

\*Note: As mentioned before, 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.

Below are some of the bills we are tracking with hearings coming up this week.

### **May 1st - Monday**

- 1:00 PM / HR B: **Senate Committee on Rules** - Public hearings on three bills relating to legislative procedure and transparency:
  - **SJR 38** (proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to require two-thirds majority vote in favor in each chamber of Legislative Assembly to pass bills declaring emergency).
  - **SJR 42** (proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to provide that every legislative measure must be introduced at request of Senator or Representative).
  - **SB 665** (requires name of member or committee of Legislative Assembly requesting set of proposed amendments to legislative measure to be identified on proposed amendments).
  
- 1:00 PM / HR D: **Senate Committee on Human Services** - Public hearing on **HB 2315** (provides that corporate excise tax credit allowed to lenders that finance affordable housing is not barred by receipt of housing vouchers by tenants).

### **May 2nd - Tuesday**

- 1:00 PM / HR 343: **House Committee on Judiciary** -
  - Informational meeting on **HB 3321** (requires nonprofit corporations that meet certain requirements, including receipt of public funds, to comply with open meetings law and public records law, to post copy of corporation's proposed annual budget to corporation's public website and to submit to and cooperate with audit).
  
- 1:00 PM / HR B: **Senate Committee on Health Care** -
  - Public hearing on **HB 2751** (allows occupational therapists to participate in primary care provider loan repayment program).
  - Work session on **HB 2675** (requires community health

improvement plans adopted by coordinated care organizations and community advisory councils to focus on and develop strategy for integrating physical, behavioral and oral health care services).

- Public hearing on **HB 2931** (clarifies educational requirements for registration of behavior analysis interventionists).
- **3:00 PM / HR C: Senate Committee on Education -**
  - Public hearing on **HB 2229A** (encourages school districts and public charter schools to offer students courses or other educational opportunities in financial literacy).
  - Work session on **HB 2457A** (alters process for resolving student complaints against certain schools).

### **May 3rd - Wednesday**

- **3:00 PM / HR F: House Committee on Education -**
  - Public hearing on **SB 221A** (revises requirements for approval of educator preparation programs).
  - Public hearing on **SB 1003A** (prescribes requirements for screening tests related to dyslexia).

### **May 4th - Thursday**

- **1:00 PM / HR 343: House Committee on Judiciary -**
  - Public hearing and work session on **SB 846A** (prohibits use of physical restraints in juvenile court proceedings on youth, youth offender or young person with exceptions).
  - Public hearing and work session on **SB 257A** (modifies crime of official misconduct in the first degree to include commission of official misconduct in the second degree when public servant is aware of and consciously disregards risk that violation places vulnerable person in danger of physical injury or of being victim of sex crime or causes withholding of necessities from vulnerable person).
- **1:00 PM / HR B: Senate Committee on Health Care -**
  - Work session on **HB 2432A** (directs Health Licensing Office to issue license to engage in practice of art therapy to qualified applicant).

- 3:00 PM / HR C: Senate Committee on Education -
  - Public hearing on HB 3106A (directs Early Learning Hubs to convene annual meetings between representatives of preschool programs administered by Early Learning Division for purpose of coordinating enrollment of eligible children in programs).

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.

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