



GO! BULLETIN

Advocacy Efforts Continue...

The developmental disabilities community is strong and resilient! While we are concerned by recent budget cut proposals at the state level and potential changes to Medicaid and health care at the federal level, we will continue to work together with our legislators at both the state and federal level to ensure that Oregonians with disabilities have access to the services they need, when they need them . . . no more and no less.

On a state level, our advocacy is focused on preventing proposed changes in eligibility criteria, cuts to bed hold payments, and case management reductions while protecting funding for the Fairview Housing Trust, Family Networks and Direct Support Professional Wages.

On a federal level, we are focused on advocacy to protect Health Care and Medicaid funding for people with developmental disabilities. Watch for our separate federal GO! Bulletin for more information on advocacy opportunities at the federal level.

To clarify what our advocacy priorities are at the state and federal levels, reference the infographic provided below:

STATE VS. FEDERAL ADVOCACY POINTS

"Oregon is strongest when all people have supports they need to be community members. Use your voice to be sure state and federal systems protect services that support Oregonians with IDD to be community members."

STATE VS. FEDERAL LEGISLATORS

STATE ADVOCACY



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



Harmful Eligibility Changes:



FEDERAL ADVOCACY



Contact United States Legislators to request Continuation of the Affordable Care Act, which includes:



K Plan Funding for Medicaid Services such as:



WHO ARE YOUR LEGISLATORS?

One State Senator
One State Representative



Two U.S. Senators
One U.S. Representative

To find your State Senator and State Representative, use the link below:
<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/findyourlegislator/leg-districts.html>
To contact your U.S. Senators or U.S. Representatives, call: 202-224-3121

State Budget Proposals

This past week, we got an overview of the much anticipated revenue proposals that resulted from work by legislators that has been going on mostly behind closed doors since late last fall.

The members of the House and Senate Committees on Revenue have been combined into a newly formed Joint Committee on Tax Reform, which held two hearings last week:

On Tuesday, May 2nd Senator Hass presented an idea for a new "**Commercial Activity Tax**" (CAT) to replace Oregon's corporate income tax system. This tax would be based on gross receipts from destination-based sales in Oregon, and all businesses would be subject to it (not just C corporations). The business tax reform framework and other documentation on this proposal can be found [here](#), and you can watch the hearing [here](#).

On Thursday, May 4th Senator Devlin, Speaker Kotek and Representative Nathanson released the "**Oregon Education Investment Initiative**," which is a plan to invest in Oregon's education system by updating the state's corporate income tax system. Their plan was based on a new Commercial Activity Tax, similar to the other revenue proposal. It proposed a tax rate of .95%. The tax applies only to companies with more than \$5 million in Oregon sales. Businesses smaller than that would pay just \$250. Materials on this proposal can be found [here](#), and you can watch the hearing [here](#).

The discussions on these revenue proposals will continue this coming week as the Joint Committee on Tax Reform holds two more informational hearings to discuss business tax reform on **Tuesday, May 9th and Thursday, May 11th** at 8:30 am in HR A.

We believe Oregon is strongest when all people have support and opportunities to be successful, and will continue our advocacy while our state legislators try to find solutions that will result in much-needed fiscal stability for our state.

Policy Bills and Upcoming Hearings This Week

Listed below are some of the bills we are tracking with hearings coming up this week. You can review a current report of the Priority 1 and 2 bills the Coalition is tracking [here](#).

May 8th - Monday

- 1:00 PM / HR D: Senate Committee on Human Services -
 - Public hearing and possible work session on HB 3262A (requires adoption of rules related to prescription of psychotropic medications to elderly persons and persons with disabilities).
 - Public hearing and possible work session on HB 2393 (specifies case manager's duties in event that case manager receives notice that person for whom case manager provides services will have life-sustaining procedures withheld or withdrawn).

- 3:00 PM / HR E: House Committee on Health Care -
 - Public hearing and possible work session on SB 275A (requires covered entity to provide copy of health information regarding individual who is appealing denial of Social Security disability benefits for period from date of initial application to date of administrative hearing).
 - Public hearing and possible work session on SB 786A (requires Oregon Board of Dentistry to allow dental care provider to use telehealth when dental care provider determines telehealth is appropriate).

May 9th - Tuesday

- 3:00 PM / HR C: Senate Committee on Education -
 - Public hearing on HB 2013 (directs Early Learning Division to conduct evaluation related to accessibility and quality of early learning programs).
 - Public hearing on HB 2312 (relating to implementation of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act).
 - Work session 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 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).

May 10th - Wednesday

- 3:00 PM / HR F: House Committee on Education -
 - Work session on SB 221A (revises requirements for

approval of educator preparation programs).

- Work session on **SB 1003A** (prescribes requirements for screening tests related to dyslexia).

May 11th - Thursday

- 1:00 PM / HR B: **Senate Committee on Health Care** -
 - Work session on **HB 2931** (clarifies educational requirements for registration of behavior analysis interventionists).
 - Work session on **HB 2304** (adds peer support specialist, family support specialist and youth support specialist to membership of Traditional Health Workers Commission).
 - Work session on **HB 2723A** (requires Health Evidence Review Commission to evaluate therapeutic and clinical effectiveness of hippotherapy for purpose of possible inclusion on prioritized list of health services provided in medical assistance program).
- 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.

Only Two More GO! Project DD Advocacy Days at the Capitol This Session: May 22 & June 12

It is a critical point in the session and every contact with legislators

makes a difference!

Please join us at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem on **May 22** and **June 12** for our last two Advocacy Days of the session!

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 on both of these days!

How to Participate:

- Identify who your State Senator and State Representative are by using this [link](#).
- Schedule an appointment to discuss the importance of funding DD Services! **Don't delay... schedule your visits now!**
- 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:

- Training overview on the legislature and meeting your legislator (Starts at 11AM)
- Support to prepare for your legislative meeting
- Support to get to your legislator's office

EVERY ADVOCACY ACTION MAKES A DIFFERENCE!!!

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