



GO! BULLETIN

State Budget Proposals for 2017-19

This coming week, we will reach another milestone in the state budget process: the release of the *May Revenue Forecast*, which is generally the forecast that is used to set the state's budget for the next biennium.

On **Tuesday, May 16th**, members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue and the House Committee on Revenue will gather at 8:30 am in HR A to hear the State Economist's current assessment of the state's economy and predictions about how much revenue the state will have for the next two years.

Legislators also continue to work on various **business tax reform proposals** discussed on [our previous Oregon GO! Bulletin](#). The newly-formed Joint Committee on Tax Reform continues to meet to have discussions about business tax reform. It will meet on Tuesday (5/16) at 9:30 am in HR A, immediately following the hearing on the May Revenue Forecast, and it will meet again on Thursday (5/18) at 8:30 am in HR A.

Legislators also continue to consider ways to reduce the budget gap through cost containment.

NOW IS THE TIME...

As legislators prepare to make critical budget decisions now is the time for you to contact them and let them know how developmental disability services impact in your life and your community.



As shared previously in the GO! Bulletin, 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. For details, download the [Eligibility Changes Fact Sheet](#).
- 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.

In addition, reductions have also been targeted for Regional Programs, Family Support Funding, Personal Support Worker Overtime, Stabilization and Crisis Unit Homes, and Vocational Rehabilitation.

There is also great concern about proposed cuts to the Oregon Health Plan which could result in 350,000 low-income adults losing health care coverage and 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!

This session we are asking legislators to protect the health and safety of Oregonians with DD, and ensure continued access to their community by providing the right services in the right amount at the right time - No more, no less.

What to include when contacting legislators:

When contacting legislators, 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 for DD Services, along with a sentence or two about what services have made a positive difference in your life with a quick example about how the services help you. Include a request that the legislator supports Oregonians

with Developmental Disabilities through continued funding. End with an expression of appreciation.

Which legislators to contact:

Your State Senator and State Representative. You can find out who these two legislators by entering your home address in this link: www.oregonlegislature.gov/findyourlegislator/leg-districts.html

Please also email your story to the members of Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Services at:

Sen.ElizabethSteinerHayward@state.or.us,

Rep.DanRayfield@state.or.us,

Sen.SaraGelser@oregonlegislature.gov,

Sen.JackieWinters@state.or.us

Rep.TeresaAlonsoLeon@oregonlegislature.gov,

Rep.KnuteBuehler@oregonlegislature.gov,

Rep.CedricHayden@oregonlegislature.gov,

Rep.SheriMalstrom@oregonlegislature.gov

If you want to share a copy of your story with the Coalition, you can also email it to oregoniddcoalition@gmail.com. We would love to read your thoughts about the importance of DD Services in Oregon.

Policy Bills, Deadlines and Scheduled Hearings

Bills that don't have a work session scheduled in their "second chamber" (e.g., for a bill that started in the House, the second chamber would be the Senate) by **May 19th** will "die" in committee. And bills that aren't considered in the second chamber and moved out of committee by **June 2nd** will die in committee.

We expect things to even busier around the Capitol as legislators make efforts to get their bills considered and moved out of committees so they don't die. *Note: These deadlines do 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 until the end of the session.*

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](#).



There are a lot of important informational meetings and hearings this week that you can watch or listen to at your leisure from your home or office by using this [link](#).

May 15th - Monday

3:00 PM / HR E: **House Committee on Health Care** - 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)

May 16th - Tuesday

8:00 AM / HR E: **House Committee on Human Services and Housing** - Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) Budget Informational Meeting Speakers:

- Clyde Saiki, Director, DHS
- Lena Alhusseini, Director of Child Welfare, DHS
- Ashley Carson-Cottingham, Director of Aging and People with Disabilities, DHS
- Lilia Teninty, Director of the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services, DHS
- Kim Fredlund, Self Sufficiency Programs Director, DHS
- Trina Lee, Vocational Rehabilitation Director, DHS

8:15 AM / HR 343: **Senate Committee on Judiciary** - Public hearing and work session on **HB 2630A** (makes changes to Oregon guardianship laws to ensure adequate safeguards for respondents and protected persons)

8:30 AM / HR A: **Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue** (House Revenue Committee also invited to attend) - Revenue Forecast Release, Office of Economic Analysis

Informational Meeting

9:30 AM / HR A: **Joint Committee on Tax Reform** - Business Tax Reform Informational Meeting

1:00 PM / HR B: **Senate Committee on Health Care** - Public hearing on **HB 2398** (prohibits health care provider from billing medical assistance applicant or recipient except as provided by Oregon Health Authority by rule)

3:00 PM / HR C: **Senate Committee on Education** -

- Public hearing on **HB 2311** (makes 40-40-20 higher education goals relate to Oregonians completing education, rather than to all adult Oregonians)
- Work session on **HB 2312** (relating to implementation of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)
- Public hearing on **HB 3340A** (requires Department of Education to develop and provide to public high schools written materials regarding apprenticeship opportunities)

May 17th - Wednesday

1:00 PM / HR D: **Senate Committee on Human Services** -

- Public hearing and possible work session on **HB 3091A** (specifies behavioral health services that must be provided by coordinated care organization)
- Work session on **HB 3262A** (requires Department of Human Services, in collaboration with other agencies, to adopt rules related to prescription of psychotropic medications to elderly persons and persons with disabilities)

May 18th - Thursday

8:30 AM / HR F: **Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Services** - Public hearing on **HB 2391** (requires Oregon Health Authority to submit blueprint for basic health plan to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by December 31, 2017)

8:30 AM / HR A: **Joint Committee on Tax Reform** - Business Tax Reform Information Meeting

1:00 PM / HR B: Senate Committee on Health Care - Public hearing on HB 2839A (prohibits discrimination in organ transplantation)

3:00 PM / HR C: Senate Committee on Education - Public hearing on HB 3318A (establishes procedures for conducting functional behavioral analysis and for developing, reviewing and revising behavior intervention plans for students with individualized education programs or 504 Plans)

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.

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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