



GO! BULLETIN

Legislative Meetings in Local Communities



Last week ended with an "In District" day where many legislators traveled back to their home districts to hold town halls and other meetings with their constituents instead of doing work at the Capitol.

If you haven't been to one of these events before, these are great opportunities to make a **direct, personal connection** with your state senators and state representatives!

Make sure to follow your legislators on social media so you can find out about these events as they are scheduled. (Don't know who your legislators are? [You can find out here.](#))

Most legislators also publish periodic newsletters to let their constituents know what they are working on and they will often announce when they are hosting town halls or other events for constituents. If you aren't currently subscribed to the newsletters of your state senator and representative, you can use the Oregon Legislature's Capitol [e-Subscribe](#) service to connect with them.

State legislators have been scheduling lots of town hall events for April as well, so connect with them now so you can be there!

Thanks to all who came out to give public testimony in support of DD Services before the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Human Services Subcommittee. It was a great success!

If you missed it, we thought we'd share videos of a few parents in action to give you a feel for how the hearing went:

- Alicia Delashmutt: <https://youtu.be/jBy6P-NY5tI>
- Heather Olivier: https://youtu.be/Hb8h3x3xg_w



Heather Olivier provides testimony at the Oregon State Capitol

As you continue connect with legislators about the importance of funding DD Services at current service levels, please consider sharing a copy of your advocacy messages with us at oregoniddcoalition@gmail.com. We would love to read how DD Services makes a positive difference in your life.

Legislative Deadlines Approaching

We are reaching the point in the legislative session where bills that aren't getting scheduled for hearings or work sessions will begin to "die" in committee.

Bills that don't have a work session scheduled in their "chamber of origin" (meaning House bills that started in the House or Senate bills that started in the Senate) by **April 7th** will "die" in committee. And bills that aren't

considered in their chamber of origin and moved out of committee by April 18th will die in committee.

Things will be moving fast around the Capitol in the coming weeks as committees work hard to move bills through the legislative process. We will continue to keep you informed about progress on policy bills that could potentially impact the developmental disabilities community.

Note: 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 until the end of the session.

DD Advocacy Day at the Capitol focusing on EI/ECSE Services April 10th



It's never too early to start learning how to advocate!

We hope you will join us in Salem on **Monday, April 10th** for the next DD Advocacy Day when we will be focusing our advocacy on Early Intervention / Early Childhood Special Education Services.

The GO! Project Advocacy Team will be on hand in Room 257 of the

Capitol Building to provide information, training and support for your visits. Check in at the DD Advocacy Headquarters before and after your visits.

Please wear yellow to show your support of the DD Community!

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

Make appointments with your legislators and plan to join us for a fun day of advocacy. Hope to see you there!

To find out who your State Representative and State Senator are, use this link: www.oregonlegislature.gov/findyourlegislator/leg-districts.html

Policy Bills and 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.

April 3rd - Monday

- 1:00 PM / HR C: **Senate Committee on General Government and Accountability** public hearing on **SB 231A** (establishes a Task Force on Student Mental Health Support)
- 1:00 PM / HR D: **Senate Committee on Human Services**
 - Work session on **SB 263** (limits school district's ability to require students to participate in abbreviated school day program).
 - Public hearing and possible work session on **SB 1027** (prohibits Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority from seeking payment from amounts in ABLE account).
- 3:00 PM / HR F: **House Committee on Education**
 - Public hearing and work session on **HB 2223** (Directs Department of Education to establish program to develop and maintain statewide school nursing services)
 - Public hearing on **HB 3208** (prohibits Legislative Assembly from enacting certain legislation related to education)
 - Public hearing and possible work session on **HB 3263** (directs State Board of Education to adopt by rule standards for provision of occupational therapy to students who have individualized education

- programs)
 - Public hearing on **HB 3318** (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)
- 3:00 PM / HR E: **House Committee on Health Care** public hearing on **HB 3091** (requires specified facilities to provide certain case management and behavioral health services to an individual who presents at a facility experiencing a behavioral health crisis)
- 3:00 PM / HR A: **Senate Committee on Workforce** public hearing on **SB 828** (requires employer to pay employee equivalent of at least four hours of work if employee is scheduled or called in to work but, due to employer, does not work entire shift)

April 4th - Tuesday

- 3:00 PM / HR C: **Senate Committee on Education** work sessions on the following bills:
 - **SB 111** (relating to professional development for educators in early learning through grade 12)
 - **SB 1003** (prescribes requirements for screening tests related to dyslexia)

April 5th - Wednesday

- 1:00 PM / HR D: **Senate Committee on Human Services** work session on **SB 265** (directs Department of Human Services to conduct monthly, in-person visits with child or ward in substitute care that include updates on academic status and progress)
- 3:00 PM / HR F: **House Committee on Education**
 - Public hearing and possible work session on **HB 3185** (establishes Task Force on Family Engagement in Education)
 - Work session on **HB 3340** (requires Department of Education to develop and provide to public high schools written materials regarding apprenticeship opportunities)

April 6th - Thursday

- 8:00 AM / HR E: **House Committee on Human Services and Housing**
 - Work session on **HB 2170** (establishes Office of Oregon Ombudsmen, containing Long Term Care Ombudsman, Residential Facilities Ombudsman, Foster Parent Ombudsman, Foster Child Ombudsman and Oregon Public Guardian and Conservator)

- Public hearing on **HB 3273** (modifies requirements relating to evacuation of residents of adult foster homes)
- **1:00 PM / HR D: House Committee on Early Childhood and Family Supports**
 - Work session on **HB 2957** (establishes grant program for purpose of improving kindergarten student-to-teacher ratios in schools that are considered high poverty)
 - Public hearing and possible work session on **HB 3067** (this is a placeholder bill that will be replaced by an amendment; track on OLIS:
<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1/Measures/Overview/HB3067>)
 - Work session on **HB 3087** (creates family and medical leave insurance program to provide covered employee with portion of wages while on family medical leave or military leave)
- **1:00 PM / HR B: Senate Committee on Health Care**
 - Work session on **SB 786** (requires health care regulatory boards to allow health care practitioner to use telehealth when health care practitioner determines telehealth is appropriate)
 - Public hearing on **SB 808** (relating to health screening testing for newborns)
- **3:00 PM / HR D: House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development** public hearing on **HB 2311** (makes 40-40-20 higher education goals relate to Oregonians completing education, rather than to all adult Oregonians)
- **3:00 PM / HR C: Senate Committee on Education** public hearing and possible work session on **SB 353** (establishes Task Force on the High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Act)

April 7th - Friday

- **8:00 AM / HR E: House Committee on Health Care** public hearing on **HB 2979** (eliminates certain categories of medical assistance recipients from exemption from enrollment in coordinated care organization)

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



SUCCESSFUL FEDERAL ADVOCACY

THANK YOU for your advocacy efforts at the federal level in support of the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid. It worked!!! Recent efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act have failed. Congress may take this up again in the future, but for now, the health care and Medicaid services (like the K Plan) that Oregonians with I/DD depend on will remain unchanged at the federal level.

Members of the Oregon Congressional delegation have been working hard to represent your voices in Washington, D.C., and they have been expressing appreciation for the actions you took to let them know what these laws mean to you! Here are just a few of their words:

Senator Jeff Merkley: "You did it . . . What a resounding victory! For weeks, the American people made their voices heard. We marched, we called, we signed petitions, and we rallied. We made it clear that Donald Trump's health care plan would hurt too many families. And our message came through loud and clear -- to our friends and neighbors, and to Capitol Hill."

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici: "This is what happens when Americans speak up, call their members of Congress, and demand that their voices be heard."

Congressman Earl Blumenauer: "We did this! Resistance works, derailing the destruction of the ACA, at least for now. Keep it up!"

Senator Ron Wyden: "Our voices are making a difference - we have to keep fighting back!"

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