

2025 Legislative Budget Requests

LOC Top Priorities

Infrastructure Funding

\$100 million to Business Oregon for Governor's Housing Infrastructure Program (HB 3031)

2025 Transportation Package

Oregon needs to continue investing in transportation infrastructure at the state and local levels. Investments in Oregon's entire transportation system includes road and transit infrastructure, and the state needs to lead this investment with a robust transportation package. Cities face a \$633 million annual gap in operations and maintenance and another \$1 billion in capital needs. Additional funding to narrow these gaps will be critical to Oregon's transportation infrastructure.

Shelter Funding and Homeless Response

\$217 million + to Oregon Housing and Community Services to sustain current state funded shelters. This is a baseline and we would welcome more investment from the state.

Address Energy Affordability Challenges from Rising Utility Costs

\$500,000 General Fund for PUC performance-based regulations (SB 688)

Other bills, also related to general rate cases and other proceedings, may be combined with SB 688 in some form and together may have one fiscal instead of 4. Those conversations are ongoing. The only fiscal we know is the \$500K for SB 688.

- SB 88 (transparency in rates act) LOC Supports
- HB 3179 (FAIR Energy Act) LOC Supports
- <u>HB 2985</u>- Modifying PUC Administrative Proceedings LOC is not taking a position, the PUC has indicated they expect a fiscal for this one.

Operator-In-Training Apprenticeships

\$5.5 million to Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for distribution to local workforce development boards for the water and wastewater utilities sector to train and recruit (HB 3634).

Budget Request by Subject Area

Economic Development

HB 2411- Creates and funds the Industrial Site Loan Fund with \$40 million in Lottery Bonds

<u>HB 3401</u> – Creates a statewide rural community resource center and allocates Business Oregon \$12 million dollars for a public-private partnership with a statewide non-profit or local government association to run the center.

HB 5024 – Business Oregon Budget

- Special Public Works Fund (SPWF) \$100 million in Lottery Bonds to recapitalize fund
- Brownfields Redevelopment Fund: \$10.0 million in Lottery Bonds to recapitalize fund
- Brownfields Properties Revitalization Fund: \$5.0 million in Lottery Bonds to capitalize fund
- Oregon Broadband Office Provides the Oregon Broadband Office (OBO) the authority to spend anticipated federal funding for broadband planning, deployment, mapping, equity, and adoption activities.

Energy & Environment

HB 2066 & HB 2065 - Fund for Microgrid bills

HB 3170 - \$10,454,618 in General Fund dollars for Resilience Hubs and Networks Grant Program

SB 5518 - \$25 million General Fund for Community Renewable Energy Grant Program (CREP) in Oregon Department of Energy Budget

Housing & Land Use

<u>HB 5011</u>- \$880 million in Article XI-Q bonds for affordable housing development Oregon in Housing and Community Services Budget to include:

- \$700 million for affordable rental housing;
- \$100 million for homeownership; and
- \$80 million for permanent supportive housing

<u>SB 5528</u> - \$12 million for Department of Land Conservation and Development for technical assistance related to code changes to promote housing development and the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis Implementation

Information Services, Security, And Technology

<u>Fully Funding the Cybersecurity Center of Excellence</u> with \$6,375,937 from the General Fund for the 25-27 Biennium. Specifics include:

- \$750,000 for local grant programs
- \$4,264,709 Workforce Development
 - o \$2,714,709 Expansion of Partner Universities and SOC
 - o \$1,350,000 Cyber Range Platform
 - o \$200,000 Cyber security training for secondary school teachers
- \$1,361,229 Total Operating Expenses

<u>HB 3148</u> - Increase the PUC budget spending limitation authority for the Residential Service Protection Fund (RSPF) to \$25,877,295 for broadband affordability and device support.

Water

<u>HB 3527</u> - Establishes the Public Drinking Water and Sewer Ratepayer Assistance Fund and appropriates \$11 million.

<u>SB 5543</u> - Oregon Water Resources Department Budget (OWRD) - \$5 million to offset transaction fee increase by 135% in HB 2803

Wildfire

\$150 million onetime General Fund allocation from rainy day fund to pay emergency fire costs for Oregon Department of Forestry/Oregon State Fire Marshal to avoid initiating a special session to pay vendors.

\$130 million to return to the SB 762 investments for the wildfire programs (as supported by the WPAC): defensible space, landscape resiliency, home hardening, smoke mitigation and fire capacity to respond, including fixing the ballooning per acre forest patrol rate issue.