



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS BILLTRACKER - 2020 SESSION - WEEK ONE

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Topic	Bill Number	Position	Bill Summary	Bill Manager	Notes	Last Action
Behavioral Health	HB 4082	Under Review	Establishes Behavioral Health Road Map Commission in Legislative Assembly.	Paige Spence	02/03/20 - Creating this Commission to lend expertise is helpful but we need to better understand how the Commission would work with the Governor's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee and what the proposed Commission's makeup would be.	02/06/20 - Public Hearing scheduled.
Behavioral Health	SB 1552	Support	Directs Oregon Health Authority to evaluate specified issues related to certified community behavioral health clinics and report findings and analysis to interim committees of Legislative Assembly by December 1, 2020.	Paige Spence	02/03/20 - Oregon is one of eight states participating in a federal demonstration program intended to show the effectiveness of certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHCs). Washington County has LifeWorks as our local CCBHC. The CCBHC program drew down millions of dollars in federal funds over the first two years allowing 12 CCBHCs across Oregon to provide comprehensive services for people with a variety of needs, regardless of their insurance coverage. We want this program to continue. We have signed onto a coalition letter alongside AOC and other Counties.	02/05/20 - Public Hearing and Possible Work Session scheduled.
Behavioral Health	SB 1575	Under Review	Defines terms related to fitness to proceed.	Paige Spence	02/03/20 -This bill would remove the most concerning provision around requiring behavioral health workers to "supervise" aid and assist individuals. "Supervise" is a legal term that our behavioral health case managers are not trained or resourced to undertake. Working with County Counsel to review.	02/03/20 - Referred to Judiciary.
Clean Water Services	HB 4043	Oppose	Prohibits local government, local contracting agency or local contract review board from enacting, adopting or enforcing ordinance, resolution, rule or other law that prohibits, restricts or limits evaluation, comparison or use of pipe or piping materials for water project if pipe or piping materials meet current standards or performance specifications of specified organizations and moneys appropriated from State Treasury directly or indirectly provided funding for water project.	Erin Doyle (Lead); Paige Spence; Mark Jockers	02/03/20 - Bill preempting local authority to create standards for material requirements for piping projects. Impacts Clean Water Services methodology and prohibits technical requirements being considered at the front end of project bid requesting.	02/03/20 - Referred to Water.
Economic development	HB 4045	Tracking	Includes within definition of "public works" project for constructing, reconstructing or performing major renovation of privately owned road, highway, building, structure or improvement that is located in certain economic development zones or for which qualified business firm received or will receive exemption from ad valorem property taxation and has total project cost estimated as equaling or exceeding \$25 million.	Erin Doyle	02/03/20 - Would require development receiving a property tax exemption on a project to either pay prevailing wages or use 10% apprentice workers. Tax exemption programs that are so regulated include enterprise zones and SIP projects.	02/03/20 - Referred to Business and Labor.

Economic Development / Taxation & Assessment	SB 1525	Under Review	Establishes requirements for business firm advertising construction project that will be subject to property tax exemption program.	Erin Doyle	02/03/20 - This bill is the result of the work group of many stakeholders related to last year's bill on prevailing wage requirements in enterprise zones. This bill impacts projects in all enterprise zones and subject to SIP agreements. The bill calls for new publication rules for eligible projects, a reporting requirement for local governments related to enterprise zone and SIP projects, and allows a local government to require other conditions on contractors in any enterprise zone type.	02/04/20 - Public Hearing and Possible Work Session scheduled.
Forestry	SB 1512	Neutral	Expresses state policy to identify lands acquired by State Board of Forestry that have limited revenue-generation potential or that provide high-value recreational or conservation benefits.	Erin Doyle	02/03/20 - Creates a transfer method for forest lands held as trust lands for the county. Needs minor amendments to ensure county is protected if elects to agree to transfer.	02/03/20 - Referred to Environment and Natural Resources.
Housing and Homelessness / DEI	HB 4003	Support	Authorizes Housing and Community Services Department to provide grants and technical assistance to organizations increasing homeownership program access to persons of color.	Paige Spence	02/03/20 - Washington County has some of the largest disparities in homeownership in the state. The bill would authorize the state's Housing and Community Services Department to provide grants and technical assistance to organizations increasing homeownership program access to people of color, including members of federally recognized tribes. It also would require the state Department of Consumer and Business Services to require implicit bias training for mortgage loan originators. Finally, a Housing Alliance effort, the bill would establish a Joint Task Force on Addressing Racial Disparities in Home Ownership.	02/05/20 - Public Hearing scheduled.
Housing and Homelessness / DEI	SB 1534	Support	Makes operative date earlier for provisions requiring Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries to prepare formal charges and pursue matters in court on behalf of complainants who allege discrimination in real property transactions.	Paige Spence	02/03/20 - This bill is expected to pass. Would give BOLI authority to pursue housing discrimination claims against federally protected classes. HUD has authority to manage such claims, but the backlog at the federal level has left many of these in long queue. This would restore authority previously ceded to BOLI. CDBG program staff are very supportive.	02/04/20 - Possible Work Session scheduled.
Housing and Homelessness	HB 4015	Under Review	Directs Housing and Community Services Department to study laws related to housing and to report to Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020.	Erin Doyle (Lead); Paige Spence	02/30/20 - Likely will contain technical fixes to HB 2003 (2019). Will update when we have additional information.	02/05/20 - Public Hearing scheduled.
Housing and Homelessness	HB 4002	Support	Requires Housing and Community Services Department to study long-term rent assistance and to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2020.	Paige Spence	02/03/20 - The Housing Alliance, of which WashCo is a member, prioritizes this bill to study what a state-funded long-term rental assistance program would look like in Oregon. Vulnerable Washington County residents would benefit from additional safety net programs to stay in housing. This is likely a 2021 effort, for now is just a study bill.	02/05/20 - Public Hearing scheduled.
Housing and Homelessness	HB 4039	Support	Appropriates moneys to Department of Human Services for services provided to unaccompanied homeless youth.	Paige Spence	02/03/20 - Support, though making it clear that our fiscal priorities are I/DD and community mental health.	02/03/20 - Public Hearing scheduled.
Housing and Homelessness	HB 4001	Under Review	Directs Housing and Community Services Department to study laws related to housing and to report to Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020.	Paige Spence (Lead); Erin Doyle	01/30/20 - Placeholder language for what is expected to develop into Speaker Kotek's homelessness bill.	02/05/20 - Public Hearing scheduled.
Public Health - Nicotine	HB 4078	Under Review	Prohibits remote sales of inhalant delivery systems.	Paige Spence	02/03/20 - Abating tobacco and nicotine use continue to be priorities for our Public Health team. This bill prohibits vaping products from being sold online, by mail, or by phone.	02/04/20 - Public Hearing scheduled.

Public Health - Nicotine	SB 1577	Under Review	Prohibits distributing, selling or allowing to be sold flavored inhalant delivery system products.	Paige Spence	02/03/20 - We will be watching both this flavored tobacco bill carefully. There may be an effort to include statewide tobacco retail licensure. The key issues for us to be aware of if tobacco retail licensure gains traction are preemption and/or weak enforcement.	02/06/20 - Public Hearing and Possible Work Session scheduled.
Public Safety	HB 4005	Neutral	Requires owner or possessor of firearm to secure firearm with trigger or cable lock, in locked container or in gun room except in specified circumstances.	Jagjit Nagra	02/03/20 - The strict liability and fines/fees will be an aspect to watch as it will have an effect on our judicial and public safety areas.	02/07/20 - Public Hearing scheduled.
Public Safety	SB 1567	Neutral	Restricts arbitration award from ordering disciplinary action that differs from disciplinary action imposed by law enforcement agency if arbitrator makes finding that misconduct occurred consistent with agency's finding of misconduct, and disciplinary action imposed by agency is consistent with provisions of discipline guide or discipline matrix adopted by agency as result of collective bargaining and incorporated into agency's disciplinary policies.	Jagjit Nagra	02/03/20 - If passed, this bill may require our sheriff's to revise their current disciplinary procedures.	02/03/20 - Referred to Judiciary.
Public Safety	SB 1573	Support	Modifies procedure for expunction of certain juvenile records.	Jagjit Nagra	02/03/20 - This bill would allow for automatic expunction of certain juvenile records. If passed, this would impact our Juvenile and judicial departments.	02/03/20 - Referred to Judiciary.
Transportation	SB 1530	Neutral	Modifies statewide greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.	Erin Doyle (Lead); Paige Spence	02/03/20 - This is the primary vehicle for a statewide greenhouse gas emission reduction program ("the carbon bill"). It is expected that there will be further amendments. There are a variety of impacts to County and Clean Water Services programs and projects.	02/08/20 - Public Hearing Scheduled.
Transportation	HB 4159	Neutral	Modifies statewide greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.	Erin Doyle	02/03/20 - House version of the greenhouse gas emissions reduction program. Modeled on HB 2020, but comparison not completed yet. Unclear if this bill will advanced given the Senate bill.	02/03/20 - Referred to Energy and Environment with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.