

2023 Legislative Agenda



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Agenda

- Introduction
- Forecasting 2023 Sessions
 - The State
 - The Federal
- County's Agenda Setting Process
- Questions for consideration:
 - How would you like to hear about the session as it progresses?
 - What legislative changes are critical to increasing housing stability in Washington County?



Introduction



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Forecasting 2023 State Session

What we know:

- Long Session = State Biennial Budget session
- Campaign Priorities

What we do not know:

- Election Outcomes
- Revenue

Dates of note:

- Legislative Days – September 21-23, 2022
- Pre-Session Request Deadline: September 23, 2022
- Election Day: November 8, 2022
- Legislative Days – December 7-9, 2022
- Pre-Session Filing Deadline: December 21, 2022
- Organizational Session – January 9, 2023
- First day of session – January 17, 2023





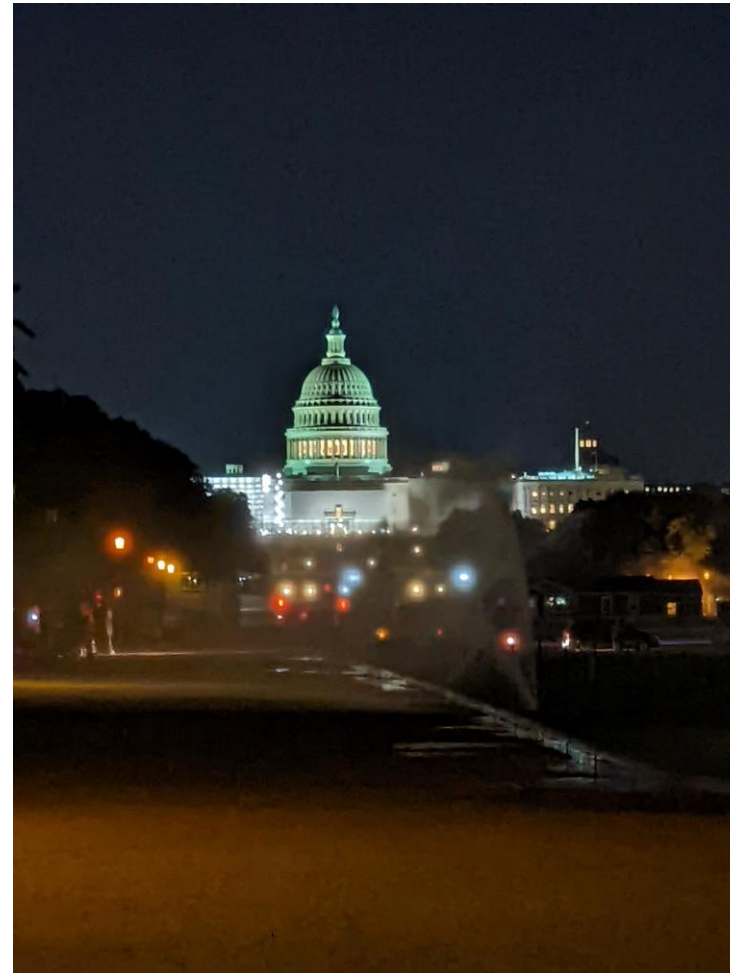
Forecasting 2023 Federal Session

What we know:

- President Biden will be President

What we do not know:

- Election Outcomes
- Budget/Appropriations Process





County Agenda Development

State Agenda

- General Principles
- County Priorities
- Department/Service Principles



Legislative priorities reflect the needs and goals of the Board for the year's legislative session.

Provide long-term COVID-19 response and recovery for our communities. page 5

Restore funding to, and cost recovery for, County programs and services with a focus on the County Law Library and Juvenile Conciliation Services. page 6

Secure long-term stability of revenues provided to the county by the state that offsets investments of local revenues. page 7

Federal Agenda

- Principles

- Oppose efforts to preempt, restrict, reduce or eliminate existing federal revenue resources.
- Secure ongoing public health funding and constituent relief for COVID-19 response and recovery.
- Promote participating in international agreements that improve market access and increase demand for Oregon-made products and advance efforts that benefit other identified county priorities including reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing energy efficiency.
- Advance equitable, age-appropriate, evidence-based affordable physical and behavioral health care and service delivery.
- Oppose policies that restrict or inhibit the County from making local investments necessary to support its missions and programs.
- Support policies that increase pathways to homeownership, preserve and add affordable rental housing options, and offer safety nets to our homeless residents.
- Support federal financing tools for the County to support, build and preserve affordable housing; and legislation that provides for the creation of a long-term funding source dedicated to affordable housing.

2022 Federal Legislative Agenda



County Agenda Development

September Needs Identified

September 21 – 23: Legislative Days

Internal & External conversation of needs and priorities

October Initial Discussion

October 4: Work Session with BCC

Begin review of legislative needs for state long session & budget asks

November First Draft Agenda

November 8: Work Session with BCC

Write a draft agenda based on Board directions & continued conversation

December Agenda Adoption

December 6: Work Session

December 13: Board Meeting for vote to adopt

Refining the draft based on Board direction



Questions

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Discussion / Questions

