

Fellow Oregonians,

The Legislative update this week is a short update for several reasons. First, many of the committee meetings have been discontinued as the Legislative session is coming to a close. Second, the state web site appears to not have been updated this Friday to list the meetings and floor sessions for the coming week. Consequently, we have completed the update for the committee meetings we are aware of at this time. Should we be able to provide an amended update, we will do so, trying to give everyone as much lead time as possible.

This legislative update is completed by the Salem 9-12 Project Legislative Committee. We are a conservative group and have no party affiliation, but lean toward conservative values, of limited government, fiscal and personal responsibility, and freedom. This legislative update is written strictly from a conservative point of view and often points out legislators of both parties when they are moving away from these founding principles. We also mention legislators when they are upholding these core values.

As in past updates the bills have been divided into 3 categories; Red, Blue, and black. The red entries are the bills to look at if you have limited time as they are the bills that make the largest changes to Oregon law as they are adding new taxes, bureaucracies, constitutional amendments, or implementing other larger changes to Oregon law. The Blue bills make smaller less significant changes, but from a conservative standpoint may be important. And finally, the black bills; these are only included if they are during a committee meeting with one of the more important bill classifications.

The committee meetings are arranged by day of the week, and within each day they are arranged somewhat by order of importance with the meetings with the most 'red' listed near the top. The committee meeting listings include time, location, and date for each meeting. There is also a complete listing of all the committee members responsible for the decisions occurring in that committee. Their phone numbers and e-mail addresses are present so it is possible to quickly and easily contact legislators to let your views be known. Additionally there are links to the committee administrator, assistants, and subject area experts provided to the committee by the state. And finally there are links to the committee meetings for you to watch online (if you can not be there in person), as well as to archived audio of past meetings, and documents for each bill.

There are several important bills this week covering different topics, including:

**--Emergency medical service providers,
--bottle refund programs for distributors,
--possession of illegal substances
-- and others,**

Additionally there were several informational meetings that were highlighted in Pink, this week that might be of interest to some people.

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Have a fine week,
Please be involved as these people need to hear from YOU.
Tom
9-12 legislative chair.

FYI: Representative Kim Thatchers gun bill dealing with keeping Concealed permit holders names private has been inserted into SB 347. This bill needs to be supported so these provisions become law. Representative Thatcher supports this bill. We will send out an update As soon as we find additional information regarding this bill.

Date: Monday-June 6
Time: 2:30 P.M.
Room: HR E
Rules
Office: 453 Phone: 503-986-1559

House Rules Committee					
Jim Stembridge, Committee Administrator					Aimee Stekete, Committee Assistant
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Note: Co-Chair Rep. Andy Olson will be presiding today

Possible Introduction of Committee Measures

Public Hearing and Possible Work Session

HB 3688 FIRST PUBLIC HEARING - Allows beverage distributors or importers to establish distributor cooperative for certain purposes.

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Note:

Vicky Berger sponsored bill. NO activity on bill till First Reading on June 2nd. No notes, documents, or House Bill Summary for this bill.

From the bill: "Two or more distributors or importers may establish a distributor cooperative for the purposes of:

(a) Collecting the refund value of beverage containers as established by ORS 459A.705 from distributors or importers and refunding to dealers the amount the dealers paid for the refund value of empty beverage containers;

(b) Paying the refund value as established by ORS 459A.705 for beverage containers sold in this state; and

(c) Processing beverage containers sold in this state.

(2) A distributor cooperative established under this section must service a majority of the dealers in this state.

Allows the return center to take in bottles and provide an accounting to the original distributor of the product and then they are required to pay the return fee to the cooperative. This bill does not make much sense. Nor does a bottle bill expansion at a time when a person could simply put these containers in their curb side recycling bin which is far more convenient than putting the containers in bags and then dragging them back to the store, and then feeding them into a stupid machine, to get your deposit back.

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Public Hearing

HB 3673 FIRST PUBLIC HEARING - Provides that unlawful possession of controlled substance by person under 21 years of age includes unlawful consumption of controlled substance.

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Note:

I'm not sure we need this law. It seems that illegal possession already covers this. It seems that if you have illegal substances inside your body, you must be in possession of illegal substances.

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Work Session

HB 3667 Modifies terminology relating to emergency medical services providers.

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Note:

This is a very long bill and has many changes and goes well beyond changing terminology.. Someone in the medical response fields should read this bill. Modifies terminology relating to emergency medical services providers. Directs Oregon Health Authority to establish levels of licensure for emergency medical services providers.

Allows a hospital to charge a fee for providing information about a patient in their care (section 52) that was delivered by an ambulance. Provides penalties (felony) for unlawful use of mace or stun gun (section 50).

Provides penalties for unlawful use of an ambulance (Section 50). Appointment of state medical emergency committee board (section 6). Seems to have a good Samaritan exception to liability for medical people in section 19 and 20.

I'm not sure what section 21 is all about.

This is definitely a bill an emergency personnel person should be reviewing.

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Date: Monday-June 6
Time: 3:00 P.M.
Room: HR D
Health Care
Office: 453 Phone: 503-986-1286

Informational Meeting

**State Options Under the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Healthcare Act:
Oregon Healthcare Ingenuity Plan**

- John DiLorenzo, Jr., Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Date: Tuesday-June 7
Time: 2:30 P.M.
Room: HR E
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Possible Introduction of Committee Measures

Public Hearing

HB 3679 FIRST PUBLIC HEARING - Exempts energy savings performance contracts, under certain circumstances, from requirement to use competitive bidding process to award public improvement contracts.

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Note

Appears to bypass competitive bidding if contract is less than 100,000 and is awarded to a non-profit when doing work for certain agencies and for certain purposes (beyond just energy performance). Bill talks about cost savings from this measure, presumably because you don't have employees reviewing multiple contracts. I tend to believe that competition leads to better products and lower prices, so I'm not sure this is a good idea.

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SB 602 Requires instruction in Oregon Studies in middle school.

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Note:

Bill passed senate with only 3 vote against bill.

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Public Hearing and Possible Work Session

SB 987 A Provides that portion of State Highway 126, known as Eugene-Springfield Highway, shall be known as Officer Chris Kilcullen Memorial Highway.

Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 24 Eliminates alternative methods by which students may satisfy mathematics or English requirements for high school diploma.

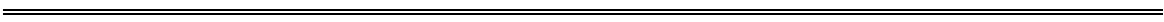
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Note:

Passed senate with 3 not voting and Senator Boquist against bill.

Supposed to clarify language of a bill passed in 2005 session.

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Education Subcommittee On Higher Education

Date: Tuesday-June 7

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Room: HR E

Education

Office: 453 Phone: 503-986-1664

Note: Co-chair Johnson will preside

Informational Meeting

Committee Discussion of Interim Priorities

Date: Wednesday-June 8

Time: 8:30 A.M.

Room: HR B Veterans' and Military Affairs

Office: 334 Phone: 503-986-1520

Senate Veteran and Military Affairs Committee					
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*** This meeting will begin at 8:30 AM ***

Informational Meeting

Discussion of Committee Topics for Interim

Emergency Preparedness and Response

Suicide Prevention and Crisis Response

Public Safety - Training and Continuing Education (especially in connection to interactions with veterans)

Security Issues
Army Reserve / National Guard - Reimer Report
Veterans' Medical Benefits:
Health Impact of Iraq and Afghanistan Wars on Veterans
Budget Issues
Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs
Oregon Military Department
Measures in committee at sine die

Health Care, Human Services and Rural Health Policy

Office: 347 Phone: 503-986-1507

Date: Wednesday-June 8

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Room: HR A

Informational Meeting

Recovery of contested case costs

Invited testimony: Presenters to be announced

Informational Meeting

Eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Invited testimony: Presenters to be announced

Informational Meeting

Mental health and addiction services for underserved populations

Invited testimony: Presenters to be announced

Informational Meeting

Obesity epidemic

Invited testimony: Presenters to be announced
