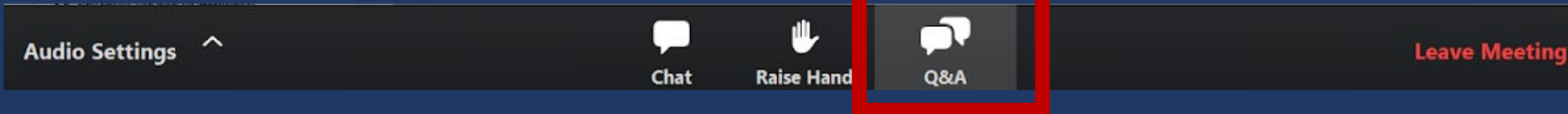


Legislative Updates

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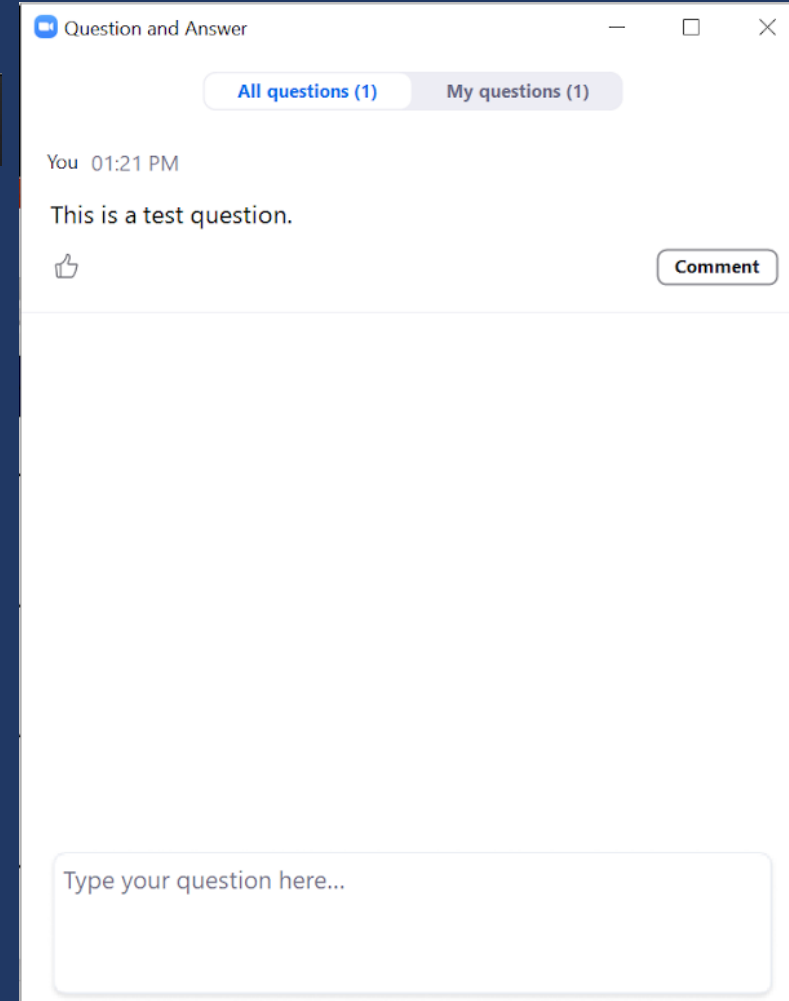


Webinar Logistics







Submit your questions any time during the presentation.

We will answer questions from the Q+A feature first, then live questions as we have time at the end. We are prioritizing question from members related to bills in the 2026 legislative session.



Legislative Timeline

FEBRUARY						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2 Session Convenes	3	4 Revenue Forecast	5	6	7
8	9 Post Work Session Deadline	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 1st Chamber Deadline	17	18 	19	20 Post Work Session Deadline	21
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MARCH						
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8	9	10 Filing Day	11	12	13	14
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Assignment: SB 1585



- [SB 1585](#) lowers grant match for 7 state programs for cities 20,000 population or fewer
- Passed the Senate with strong bipartisan support, but is now stuck in House Rules
- **Ask your Representative to help get this bill to the floor!**
- Contact: Michael Martin
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State Grants Impacted

- Safe Routes to School
- Connect Oregon
- Oregon Community Paths
- Special Public Works Fund - Levee Project Grant
- Local Government Grant Program
- Water Projects Planning Studies Grants
- Water Supply Development Account Grants

Transportation Updates



- \$288M budget gap for ODOT, working to maintain city's 20% share of the State Highway Fund
- [HB 4007](#) - regulates micromobility devices, moving out of budget committee, moving out of budget committee
- [SB 1544](#) - expands eligibility for transit funding and modified dismantler requirements, moving out of budget committee
- [SB 1599](#) - moves the date of the transportation tax referendum, passed Senate and scheduled for a vote in the House on Monday

Revenue & Finance Updates



- [SB 1507](#) - federal disconnect package, passed both chambers
- LOCAL Act ([HB 4148](#)) - creates flexibility for use of transient lodging tax revenue, **LOC priority bill**
 - Passed 40-12-8 on the House Floor
 - Public hearing [MONDAY](#) – [submit written testimony!](#)

Ethics Package Updates



The [Oregon Government Ethics Commission package](#):



HB 4161: Exempts food and beverages from the prohibited use of office statute, moving in Senate Rules



HB 4177: Simplifies the serial meeting laws passed in 2023, moving out of budget committee



HB 4159: Requires the governor's appointee to the OGEC to have local government experience, moving in Senate Rules

General Government Updates



- [HB 4076A](#) - “Gut and Stuff”, expedites "surplus energy generation" projects. Amendment preempts local government permitting.
- [HB 4016](#) – Contractor Tax Compliance
- [SB 1593A](#) - Recreational Liability Waivers – Update on 02/27 am...now linked to SB 1517A, A8 amendment, Meek effort,
- [HB 4089A](#) - Increases penalties in Wage Theft/Licensure Law, adopted LOC amendments, moved to House Rules.

Energy & Telecom Updates



- [HB 4055](#) - 48-Hour Notice Requirement to State CIO After Discovery of a Cyber Security Incident, Died in Committee. Committed to working with stakeholders in the interim for a 2017 notice concept.
- [SB 1526](#) - Fund for Oregon Resilience, Growth, and Energy (FORGE) Act, was moved to Ways and Means for technical reasons. - Support
- [SB 1582](#) - Dispersed Power Plant bill adds statutory structure around current utility provider programs. Died in Committee - Support
- [HB 4032](#) - Geographically Dispersed Emergency Fuel Sites, Moved out of Emergency Management Cmt.to Ways and Means - Monitor
- [HB 4031](#) - Expedited Citing of Renewable Energy Facilities, moved to Senate, scheduled for Pub. Hearing and Poss. Work Session on 2/23 - Support

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Housing & Economic Development Updates



- [HB 4037](#) – Omnibus housing bill, Substantial changes in the -10
- [HB 4035](#) – One-time UGB Expansion Program Update
- [HB 4082](#) – One-time UGB Expansions for Manufactured Homes and Senior Housing
- [HB 4108](#) – Non-contiguous annexation – Now applies only to Eugene
- [SB 1521](#) – Inclusionary Housing Program
- [SB 1586](#) – Sen. Sollman's JOBS Act, support
- [HB 4084](#) – Gov. Kotek's Prosperity Roadmap Package, support

Water, Waste, & Natural Resources, & Solid Waste Updates



- [HB 4005](#) – Water Professional Appreciation Week, passed both chambers!
- [SB 1585](#) – Reduces grant matching requirements for small cities, **needs your help!**
- [HB 4030](#) – Recycling Modernization Act
- [HB 4144](#) – Battery Producer Responsibility

Assignment Recap



- Contact your Representative in support of the small city grant matching bill ([SB 1585](#)). Ask for:
 - The bill to be scheduled for a work session in the House Committee on Rules
 - Vote YES on the bill when it makes it to the floor
- Support the LOCAL Act ([HB 4148](#)), creates flexibility for use of transient lodging tax revenue, by [submitting written testimony](#) before Monday's hearing or by 8 AM Wednesday!

[Don't forget to register for the LOC Spring Conference!](#)

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