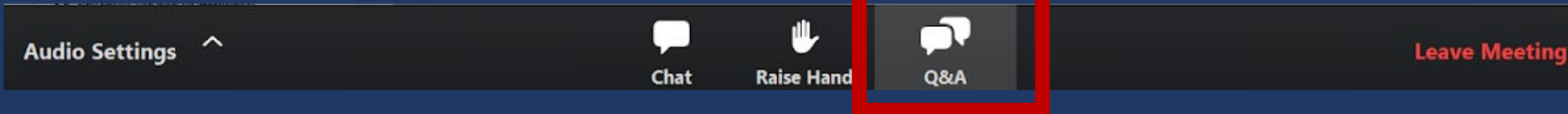


Legislative Updates

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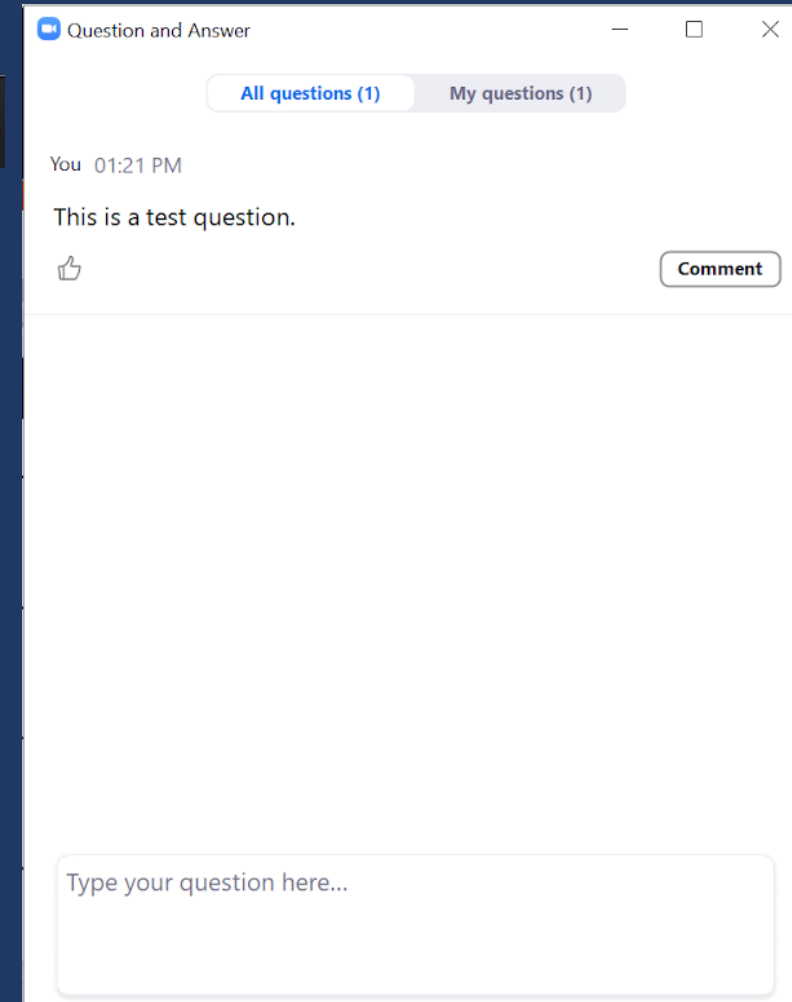


Webinar Logistics





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
22	23	24	25	26 2nd Chamber Deadline	27	28

MARCH						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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8	9	10 Filing Day	11	12	13	14
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Assignment: HB 4148



- [HB 4148](#) was amended this week to a 50/50 split in post 2003 TLT revenue.
- [More information on this one-pager](#)
- The bill is headed to the House Floor!

Assignment: HB 4177



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



HB 4161: Exempts food and beverages from the prohibited use of office statute.



HB 4177: Simplifies the serial meeting laws passed in 2023.



HB 4159: Requires the governor's appointee to the OGEC to have local government experience.

Links: [HB 4161](#), [HB 4177](#), and [HB 4159](#)

Contact your legislators to tell them [HB 4177](#) is needed to allow public officials to gather the information they need to have informed public discussions!

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
- Expect a public hearing Tuesday – submit testimony in support!
- 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
- [HB 4008](#) - creates transit funding task force
- [HB 4126](#) - study of costs to maintain roads to good condition
- [SB 1599](#) - moves the date of the transportation tax referendum, up on Senate Floor today

Revenue & Finance Updates



- [SB 1507](#) - federal disconnect package, moving to the House floor
- LOCAL Act ([HB 4148](#)) - creates flexibility for use of transient lodging tax revenue
 - **LOC Priority bill**
 - **Contact your legislator!**

General Government Updates



- [HB 4076A](#) - "Gut and Stuff", expedites "surplus energy generation" projects. Amendment preempts local government permitting.
- [SB 1566](#) - Affordable Housing Prevailing Wage Clarification, Died in Committee
- [SB 1593A](#) - Recreational Liability Waivers, no movement since unanimously moved to Rules. SB 1517 Moved out of Judiciary. Still support SB 1593A. Major Concerns with SB 1517A
- [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

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, support
- [SB 1585](#) – Reduces grant matching requirements for small cities, support
- [HB 4030](#) – Recycling Modernization Act, concerns
- [HB 4144](#) – Battery Producer Responsibility

Assignment Recap



- Contact your legislators to ask them to:
 - Provide clarity to cities with public meeting and serial communication laws by supporting [HB 4177](#)!
 - Support local control on the use of TLT revenue with [HB 4148](#)
- Provide testimony in support of [SB 1585](#)!

Questions?



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