

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Tonia Holowetzki, Director, Public & Government Affairs
RE: State Legislative Updates: Special Session, Revenue Forecast and 2026 Preparations
Date: September 23, 2025

REQUEST: Informational updates on the special state legislative session, recent revenue forecast and 2026 session preparations.

BACKGROUND:

Special Session: The governor called a special session of the legislature shortly after the 2025 regular legislative session concluded, with a goal to pass a transportation funding measure focused on operations and maintenance costs at ODOT and local governments. The special session convened over Labor Day weekend and passed HB 3991 out of the House. However, the Senate vote has been postponed until the September legislative days.

Revenue Forecast: The August 27 revenue forecast for Oregon confirmed slowing economic growth that will stagnate revenue from state income taxes. Additionally, H.R. 1 was passed by Congress in July, resulting in a revenue loss to Oregon of \$888.2 million. Per this August forecast, Oregon will have to cut its budget by approximately \$372 million in the 2026 short session, unless the legislature decides to tap reserves or raise revenues.

Legislative Interim: PGA uses the time between regular sessions to meet with commissioners and departments to understand the impacts of the previous legislative session and to prepare for the next. That work is underway now. Notable milestones in the coming months include:

- Sept. 29: September Legislative Days (3 days)
- Oct. 1: Sunrise Visioning Presentation to Joint Committee on Transportation
- Nov. 29 Legislative Concepts Due
- TBD: BCC Policy Session to approve 2026 Legislative Agendas
- Feb. 2 First day of 2026 State Legislative Session

RECOMMENDATION: None. Informational update only.

Respectfully submitted,



Tonia Holowetzki, Director, Public & Government Affairs

ATTACHMENTS

#A: 2025 Interim Calendar

Attachment A

2025 INTERIM CALENDAR

JULY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4 4th of July	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Revenue Forecast	28	29	30
31						

SEPTEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Leg Days	30 Leg Days				

KEY
Legislative Days
State Holidays
Key Election Dates
Projected revenue forecast
LC-Related deadlines
2026 Session Dates

OCTOBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 Leg Days	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15
16	17 Leg Days	18 Leg Days	19 Leg Days & Revenue Forecast	20	21 LC Request Deadline	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28 Thanksgiving Obs.	29
30						

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Obs.			

JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 New Years Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 LC Drafts Returned	10
11	12	13 Leg Days	14 Leg Days	15 Leg Days	16 LC Drop Deadline	17
18	19 MLK Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4 Revenue Forecast	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Presidents' Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

MARCH						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Filing Day	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				