

# Legislative Update

April 28, 2023



Oregon Council on  
Developmental Disabilities

# Agenda

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- Context and goals for this session
- DD services budget
- Policy Bills of interest
- Advocacy Days



# 2023 Legislative Session Details

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- Long session to set state budget for the next two years
- Began Jan. 17, 2023...Sine Die on or before June 25, 2023
- 2,928 bills introduced
- DD Coalition tracking 258 of those bills



# Where are we now in this Legislative Session?

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- The first chamber few rounds of bill deadlines have passed. This means some bills have “died” and cannot be considered again this session.
  - These deadlines do not apply to the Ways and Means, Rules, Revenue and other joint committees
- Budget will move quickly after the May 17 Revenue Forecast which tells us how much money the legislature can allocate for July 2023-June 2025.





## Support Regional Family to Family Networks

Regional Family Networks support more than 13,500 families experiencing disability, many of whom have barriers accessing the formal developmental disability service system. Regional family networks work in partnership with thousands of community-based organizations to reduce inequities for marginalized families.

**Only \$1.5 million per biennium continues this essential support for families.\***

## Establish DSP Wage Standards

Respond to the DSP wage inequities by setting the average wage for direct support professionals to 150% of the Portland metro minimum wage and cover the cost of paid family leave to stabilize this essential workforce and reduce turnover that places people with IDD at higher risk. Long-term solution to a long-term issue.

**Support HB 2457 and POP 132**



# Oregon DD Coalition

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## Fully Fund Case Management Entities

**Ensure DD Case Management Entities are fully funded.** DD Case Management funding has not kept pace with the increased workload and complexities of the work over the past several years. Full funding of the DD workload model and periodic administrative reviews are needed to ensure case managers who are a vital lifeline to Oregon Oregonians with IDD are adequately compensated for their work.

**Support HB 2448 and POP 130**

## Support Healthier Oregon

Provides access to DD services for everyone who meets disability criteria for DD services and Medicaid regardless of their immigration status.

**Support POP 105\***

**\* in Governor's Recommended Budget**

*Oregon is strongest when everyone has access to the support they need when they need it.*

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# Policy Bills to Watch

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## DD Services

- SB 91 – Paying parents of minor children for attendant care (in Ways and Means Committee)
- HB 2457 – Increase Direct Support Professional wages to 150% of the minimum wage. Note this bill is not moving forward. Advocacy has moved to supporting POP 132 to increase DSP Wages

## Decision Making

- SB 528A- Guardianship. Allows DRO to represent eligible people in protective proceedings. Also requires DRO to create a notice about the right to court-appointed counsel and how to access it. In Ways and Means



# More Policy Bills

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## Supporting Employed People with DD

- SB 576 A– Allows people who are eligible for Medicaid to keep their services (OHP and DD services) if they are over-income by paying a monthly fee. In Ways and Means
- SB 571A- Amendment requires that information be provided by the 529 Savings Board to people with ABLE accounts about the impact to benefits if people make contributions to workplace retirement accounts. Passed the Senate, now in House Early Childhood and Human Services

## Housing

- SB 3309 A – Oregon Housing and Community Services will provide report annually outlining of the number of housing units funded, how many had accessibility features and the percentage of units with accessibility features. Passed House. In Senate Housing and Development
- SB 759 – Requires ODDS investigate options for allowing adults using DD services to receive supports necessary to live in homes they own or rent with support of roommates they choose. Passed Senate. In House Early Childhood and Human Services





# More Policy Bills

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## K-12 Education

- SB 819A – Shortened school day. Requires parents or foster parents give informed and written consent for student with a disability to be placed on shortened school day. Passed Senate. In House Education
- SB 790- modifies definition of “abuse” for purposes of child abuse to include violations of laws prohibiting use of restraint and seclusion on students. Directs ODE to submit quarterly reports to legislature about investigations of abuse. In Ways and Means.

## Council Stipends

- SB 92A – Requires ODHS to establish a liaison position to facilitate participation of people who use public benefits on boards/commissions. In Ways and Means.



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## 2023 DD Advocacy Days

01/12/23 Online 10AM-12PM

01/12/23 Online 2-4PM Advanced Advocacy

02/23/23 Willamette Heritage Center Dye House, Salem  
3-5PM | **Legislator Reception 5-7PM**

03/16/23 Online 10AM-12PM

03/16/23 Online 2-4PM Spanish-Language Session

04/27/23 Willamette Heritage Center Dye House, Salem  
3-5PM | **Legislator Reception 5-7PM**

05/25/23 Online 10AM-12PM

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Disabilities Community  
Advocacy Priorities**

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