

Legislative Update

Feb. 16, 2024



Oregon Council on
Developmental Disabilities

Agenda

- Legislative goals for this session
- Budget adjustments
- Policy bills



2024 Legislative Session Details

- “Short” session that lasts only five weeks (Feb. 5- March 10)
- Legislators do two things this session:
 - 1. Adjust the state agency budgets (called “rebalance”)
 - 2. Pass key policy bills



2024 Budget Context: Why do we care about Revenue Forecasts?

- Revenue forecasts tell Legislators how much money they can use to:
 - Adjust budgets for programs like education and DD services
 - Spend on policy bills that may cost money to implement

- The last Revenue Forecast was Feb. 7
 - Good news: there is money to spend!
 - Governor and Legislative Leaders agree that money needs to go to housing, homelessness and addiction services
 - Agency budget asks will likely be funded too
 - Not much money for other bills

Early
Intervention-
Early
Childhood
Special
Education

Services for kids ages birth to five with disabilities or delays

Council funds a grant to the Children's Institute to educate families and policymakers

2023 session, did not get enough money to cover the number of kids in the program

Educated Department of Education and Legislature that the services need \$22 million to serve kids

DD Services
Budget
\$95.1
Million
Rebalance

- Caseload and Cost per Case increases (\$75.2 million),
- Private duty nursing rate increases (\$3.2 million),
- Stabilization and Crisis Unit Overtime incentives (\$3.4 million from collective bargaining agreement),
- American Rescue Plan Act dollars moving to this biennium (\$16.4 million) and
- Personal support worker paid leave correction (\$1.7 million).

Healthcare and Housing Bills

Healthcare

- SB 1508 – Quality Adjusted Life Years
- HB 4088 – Makes it a felony to intentionally and knowingly cause harm to hospital worker with knowledge the person is working in a hospital. NO EXCEPTION for people with IDD
- SB 1557 – Support Services for children and youth with high mental health support needs (not DD)

Housing:

- SB 1530 – Rent assistance and Healthy Homes Repair program

DD Services

- SB 1521 - Agency with Choice
- SB 1522 – Access to mental health services for people with intellectual disabilities and ending civil commitments for people with intellectual disabilities

