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
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<td>Council funds a grant to the Children’s Institute to educate families and policymakers</td>
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<td>2023 session, did not get enough money to cover the number of kids in the program</td>
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<td>Educated Department of Education and Legislature that the services need $22 million to serve kids</td>
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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
• 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