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EDUCATION

SB 612 – Indigenous	Establishes the Indigenous Languages Representation Fund.
Languages	Requires nonprofit organizations to serve as the fiscal agent to
	receive disbursement of money for reasons related to supporting
	Indigenous language interpretation in Oregon.
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HJR 4 – Allows for Same	Requires a vote of the people. The bill would amend the Oregon
Day Voter Registration	constitution to allow for same-day voter registration in Oregon.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY

SB 579 – Guaranteeing Right to Vote	Allows anyone convicted of a felony to register to vote and allows them to update their voter registration and vote in elections while incarcerated. Specifies that a person's residence is where the person resided prior to incarceration.
HB 2920 – Car Insurance Eligibility	Prohibits car insurers from considering credit scores when determining eligibility, rates, or premiums for motor vehicle liability insurance policies.
HB 2801 – Car Financing	Fixes the issue of delivering a car to a consumer while the financing is still contingent on the dealership being able to sell the loan.
SB 606 - Non-Profit Modernization Act	Creates changes to government contracting practices that can be implemented immediately, creates a Nonprofit Task Force to explore streamlining and simplifying contracting, improving payment delivery, and reducing burdensome reporting requirements while raising nonprofit living wages to improve employee retention. Creates a Workforce Retention Fund.

HB 2699 – Minimum Wage Rates	Directs Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) to establish formula for setting minimum wage rate in Oregon.
Individual Development Account - \$35M (POP 117)	Allocates \$35M to the Oregon Individual Development Account, match savings program.
SB 603 – Housing Assistance Fund	Provides 12 monthly payments of \$1,000 to individuals who experience homelessness, who are at risk of homelessness, who are severely rent burdened or earn at or below 60% area median income.
HB 2811 – Oregon Kids' Credit	Creates refundable child tax credit. The bill would direct the Department of Revenue, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services, to make installment payments to personal income taxpayers for the Oregon childcare credit.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

SB 611 – Related to Rental Limitations	Increases amount residential landlord owes tenant for landlord-cause termination of tenancy. Limits annual rent increases.
(HB 2733 – Companion Bill)	
LIFT (POP 105) - \$200M in Bonds	Allocates \$200M in bonds to the Local Innovation Fast Track (LIFT) program to support rental and homeownership.
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) - POP 104	Allocates \$1.75M in general funds and \$75M in bonds for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).
Affordable Housing Preservation Package – POP 107	Allocates \$175M (lottery bonds and general funds) to Affordable Housing Preservation.

Co-Location of Early Learning and Housing - POP 114 (SB 599)	Allocates \$20M to Co-Location of Early Learning and Housing. Requires landlords to allow units to be used as family childcare facilities.
Land Acquisition Program – (POP 111)	Allocates \$10M to support nonprofits and local governments to acquire land for housing that will be rented or sold to low-income Oregonians.
Affordable Homeownership Development Program – POP 109	Allocates \$25M in general funds toward Affordable Homeownership Development.
HB 2456 – Emergency Housing Assistance	Provides additional emergency shelters, transitional housing, and supportive services and assistance to school-aged children experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
HB 2454 – Appropriations for Youth Homelessness	Provides appropriations in the amount of \$12,500,000 for programs related to youth experiencing homelessness.
HB 2680 – Rental Screening Fees	Provides applicant the opportunity to receive a refund of rental application screening fee, under certain reasons.
HB 3010 – Mortgage Interest Deduction Reform	Allows first-time homebuyers the opportunity to claim the Mortgage Interest Deduction.

FAMILY WELFARE

HB 2458 – Conversion	Prohibits practice of conversion therapy by certain professionals if
Therapy	the recipient of the conversation therapy is under 18 years old.

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

NAYA Campus Request - \$1.25M	General fund request of \$1.25M to address the health and safety of the NAYA Family Center campus through construction upgrades.
HB 2925 – Affinity Group Taskforces	Extends deadlines for affinity group taskforces to complete their work with respect to allocation of resources to address communities' needs and health inequities and to report recommendations to the Legislative Assembly by November 1, 2023.
HB 2918 – Mobile Health Units	Provides money to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to continue pilot program by providing grants to entities to operate mobile health units.
SB 60 – Emergency Medical Services	Prohibits Oregon Health Authority from requiring associate degree or higher for eligibility to receive a license as an emergency medical services provider.
HB 2286 – Medical Services for AI/AN	Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to maintain process to identify claims eligible for enhanced federal match for services provided to American Indians or Alaska Natives by nontribal providers, secures enhanced federal match from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and returns a portion of the match to tribes.
HB 2993 – Community Education Workers	Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adopt qualification criteria for Community Education Workers as an additional category of Traditional Health Workers.
SB 704 – Universal Health Care	Establishes Universal Health Plan Governance Board and directs the board to create a comprehensive plan for the implementation of the plan.
HB 2973 – NO on M110 Repeal	Repeals Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act of 2020 (Ballot Measure 110) and provisions related to decriminalization of drugs possession.

STATE OF WASHINGTON 2023 Legislative Agenda

EDUCATION

\$575M – Education	Governor Inslee K-12 recommended budget would increase teacher residencies, provide additional teacher academies, student academic and social emotional supports, student food security funding, equity in education, peer to peer supports, expand Mastery based learning, expand climate science professional development and field education, higher education, expand career and College pathways.
\$1.8B - Higher Education	Governor Inslee's Higher Education budget would support university expansion and construction, building renovations, student development success centers, Learning Centers, facility repairs, and support tribal compact school programs.
HB 1174 – Access to Voting in Jails	Voter access would remove barriers for incarcerated individuals to access voting.
HB 1228 – Multilingual Language Retention	Creates a multilingual, multiliterate Washington through dual and tribal language education. Aims to protect tribal languages.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY

Gov. Inslee Employee	Bill would increase State employee compensation by providing a
Compensation Agreement	4% general wage increase on July 1, 2023, and a 3% increase on
	July 1, 2024.
	Bill addresses the K-12 employee recruitment and retention in response to Washingtons State agencies facing increased funding
	challenges.

HB 1086 – Contracting	Bill would increase local governments' ability to contract with
with Community	community serving organizations.
Organizations	

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

\$70B for Affordable Housing and Homelessness	Housing stabilization funding allocation would create 7,500 new affordable homes in the next two-years, allocates \$4B to affordable housing and homelessness, allocates \$1.3B to State Capital and Operating Funds, and allocates \$400M to the Housing Trust Fund.
HB 1046 – Housing Supply	Expands housing supply by supporting the ability of public housing authorities to finance affordable housing developments.
SB 5016 – Addressing Homelessness	Bill would address homelessness through providing emergency shelter, incentivizing employment of workers experiencing homelessness, and building affordable homes throughout Washington.
SB 5045 – Rental of Low-Income Housing Units	Bill would incentivize rental of accessory dwelling units (eg., tiny homes) to low-income households.
SB 5060 – Registration of Rental Housing	Requires landlords to register rental and vacant housing units in a database.
HB 1124 – Protecting Tenants	Protects tenants from excessive rent and related fees by providing at least six-months' notice for rent increases over a certain amount, allowing tenants the right to terminate a tenancy without penalty, and limiting late fees.

FAMILY WELFARE

SB 5095 – Parks Access	Bill would create parks access by establishing a health and
	wellness pilot program to increase healthy lifestyles.

SB 5137 – MMIW Cold	Creates a cold case investigations unit in the Office of the Attorney
Case Unit	General to investigate Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
	and People (MMIWP).
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HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

\$700M – Access to Behavioral Health HB 1134	Creates access to Behavioral Health Services for children and youth, increases bed capacity for behavioral health workforce, expands services to the 988-crisis service program, provides funding to tribes to address opioids.
\$1.8B - Climate	Allocates 10% of funding to tribally supported projects and
Preservation	programs, supports tribes to mitigate and adapt to climate change.
HB 1076 – \$157M for	Supports projects that increase salmon protection, habitat
Salmon Protections	restoration, and recovery of fisheries.
HB 1087 – Solitary	Bill would restrict the ability to put an inmate in solitary
Confinement	confinement except when necessary for emergency purposes.
Companion Bill: (SB 5135)	
SJR 8202 – Reproductive Freedom	The bill would amend Washington's constitution and would require a vote of the people. The bill would codify an individual's right to choose in matters related to their reproductive health.