



Oregon Academy of Family Physicians Week ending May 19th, 2023

Capitol Climate

Oregon's Office of Economic Analysis released the [May revenue forecast](#) earlier this week. This is the forecast the Oregon Legislature will use to craft the budget for the 2023-25 biennium.

The topline message from today's forecast is that Oregon will have **\$1.96 billion in additional revenue available for the 2023-25 budget**, as 2022 tax returns were much stronger than previously predicted.

Not only will the legislature have more money available to fund policy priorities like housing, behavioral health and education, but individual Oregonians can expect to see an unprecedented amount of money returned to them through Oregon's unique kicker law. The Oregon kicker is now at a whopping \$5.5 billion dollars — up by over \$1.5 billion since the [last projections in February](#).

Legislators have already begun daydreaming about the opportunities these additional dollars could create for their constituents. These new and exciting opportunities may help to create a new political dynamic in the Oregon Legislature — particularly as it relates to ongoing negotiations between the Senate Democrats and the Senate Republicans.

It's been exactly two weeks since the Senate was able to reach a quorum on the floor, leaving them unable to advance legislation or conduct business. But with nearly \$2 billion in additional funds available, there is real opportunity for the legislature to make direct investments in community projects and priorities across Oregon — especially in rural and underserved areas of the state.

While negotiations continue over the most [hotly-debated bills of the session](#), some are hopeful that this week's revenue forecast could change the tides on the political stalemate. With such impressive investment opportunities on the line, this could be the incentive needed for the Senate to reach quorum and get back to business.

Committee Hearing Report outs

House Behavioral Health and Health Care

05/17/2023

Work Session

- [SB 608](#), Requires Oregon Health Authority, every three years, to conduct a survey of retail pharmacies enrolled as providers in state medical assistance program regarding pharmacies' dispensing costs.
 - The motion to move the bill to the floor with a do pass recommendation was met with a comment by Chair Nosse who had wished to tack on the [-A2 amendment](#) (which requires health insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB), Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB), and health care service contractor to include amounts paid by another person on behalf of an enrollee toward cost of the covered prescription drug) but it was not ready in time. The motion passed 10-1, with Rep Morgan being the only no vote.

Floor Activity

The Senate Floor was unable to achieve quorum for the second week.

Coalition Meeting Report

AHO Policy Check-In

05/17/2023

Nothing of note was discussed.

The Week Ahead

House Floor

05/22/2023 10:30 AM

[SB 232](#): Allows out of state Physicians or Physicians Assistants to provide tele-medicine to patients in Oregon.

Third Reading

[SB 376](#): Adds accreditation standards for individual insurance companies that write more than \$500M in annual premiums and insurance company holding

groups that collectively write more than \$1B in annual premiums to provisions applicable to health care service contractors in ORS 750.055.

Third Reading

[SB 968](#): Changes the release date for strategic plan update (done by System of Care Advisory Council (SOCAC)) from every two years to four years (next 2026).

Third Reading

[SB 450](#): Removes the requirement that physicians and physician's assistants must note on the label of the drug the name of the patient, name and address of the physician, any cautionary statements, and the expiration date of the drug when dispensing a nasal spray for reversing opioid overdose.

Third Reading

[SB 1043](#): Requires hospitals, detoxification facilities, and residential treatment facilities to provide two doses of opioid overdose reversal medication to patients who are treated for opioid use disorder and who are discharged to an unlicensed setting (does not apply if against medical advice)

Third Reading

Senate Floor

05/23/2023 10:30 AM

[SJR 33](#): Proposing amendment to Oregon Constitution relating to an enumeration of equal rights.

Third Reading

[SB 192](#): Directs PBMs to report with DCBS including aggregated dollar amounts of rebates, fees, price protection payments, and any other payments received by drug manufacturers.

Third Reading

[HB 2002](#): Reproductive health care and gender affirming care access bill.

Third Reading

[HB 2235](#): Requires OHA to convene a work group on barriers to behavioral health work force and retention.

Third Reading

[HB 2278](#): Authorizes pharmacists to administer influenza vaccine to persons six months of age or older.

Third Reading

[HB 2395](#): Dexter's fentanyl bill package

Third Reading

[HB 2486](#): Allows pharmacy technicians under the supervision of a pharmacist to administer vaccines.

Third Reading

[HB 2513](#): Rep Nosse's M 110 fixes bill.

Third Reading

[HB 2584](#): Adds physician assistants to practice of medicine provisions, including use of title and duty of care.

Third Reading

[HB 3008](#): Creates an exemption to the requirement (Section 6, chapter 37, Oregon Laws 2022) that at least three primary care visits be covered by health insurance plans without requiring copay, coinsurance, or deductible.

Third Reading