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Week ending June 25th, 2023

Capitol Climate

3 Bills Fail on Final Day!

In an almost unprecedented situation, the 81st Legislative Assembly came to a rocky finish late Sunday afternoon.

Three bills on the agenda failed during floor votes: the Governor's key final request [HB 3414](#) (Land Use), [HB 3242](#) (Medical Rights of Action), and [HB 3013](#) (Fees on Medical Prescriptions for Consumers) all went down to defeat in shocking end to a dramatic legislative session.

HB3414 had been Governor Kotek's major housing priority over the final weeks of the session, and she personally appeared in the Capitol over the last 3 days of the session to lobby legislators. The bill appeared on its way to passage until amendments proposed by the Department of Land Conservation and Development removed protections for a 4-city intergovernmental agreement governing future development of the Stafford area near Tualatin, Lake Oswego, West Linn and Wilsonville. That appeared to turn swing legislators against the bill, leading to a 15-10 vote, one short of the necessary 16. Earlier on Saturday night, the bill had squeaked through the House by just 3 votes. The failure of that bill led to a Senator Meek (D-Clackamas) walking out, denying the majority the votes needed to pass the next bill up, HB3242.

Meanwhile, final budget bills were passed (including the expansive "Christmas Tree" and bonding bills ([HB5029/](#)[HB5030](#))) with a number of victories for our clients, such as additional funding for mental and behavioral health, child welfare, local courthouse funding, housing infrastructure, local trauma clinics and a new R&D tax credit. In most sessions, legislators realize almost too late that they forgot an item or two. This session, they only added a single item (in spite of furious lobbying to add other items like school mental health and special education funding).

[HB 2372](#) proved to be the Christmas "Shrub" bill, funding for Oregon's child abuse intervention centers was the one item the WM Co-Chairs felt was deserving of a small "shrub" bill. The larger, much more complex Christmas Tree bill, [HB 5029](#), passed out of Ways and Means several days ago. But as in many past sessions, items get left behind which are important to enough legislators to justify a last minute addition. Legislators and lobbyists waded through hundreds of pages of budget bills, trying to make sense of funding dive bars in Portland and adding dozens of staffers to the state land use agency, when other crucial issues, such as housing projects, special education programs, and School-Based Health Centers were left out of the final package. Many are scratching their heads since economists reported a higher-than-expected revenue forecast, and the legislature left close to \$100 million of bonding capacity unallocated. Speculation is that the Emergency Board (the interim spending arm of the legislature) might allocate funding in September or November.

Committee Hearing Report outs

House Rules

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Work Session/Public Hearing

[SB 192 B](#): Requires pharmacy benefit managers to annually report to Department of Consumer and Business Services information about certain rebates, fees, price protection payments and other payments received from prescription drug manufacturers.

- Public Hearing: DCBS and OSPIRG testified in support, explaining the need for an upper payment limit and that this would not add a burden of new work to PBMs or DCBS. Rep. Wallan was confused on DCBS could affordable to do this without a budget increase.

- Work Session: the bill was voted out of committee on a party line vote with Rep. Scharf excused. There was no discussion.

Joint Ways and Means

06/23/2023

[HB 3396](#): Health Care Christmas Tree Bill

Floor Activity

[SB 1089](#): Establishes Universal Health Plan Governance Board

- Senate voted the bill out (6/20) on a party line vote without discussion.
- House voted the bill out (6/23) carried by Rep. Nelson on a 34-21 vote.

[SB 972](#): Directs OHA to procure and administer a platform for the state's health insurance marketplace that is separate from the federal platform.

- Senate voted the bill out (6/20) on a party line vote without discussion.
- House voted the bill out (6/23) carried by Rep. Bowman on a 34-20 vote.

[SB 490](#): Family medicine residency training programs

- June 20th: Senate voted the bill out on an almost party line vote with Sen. Anderson (R-Lincoln City) being the only Republican to vote yes. Sen. Steiner (D-NW Portland/Beaverton) emphasized the importance of family physicians especially in districts where they are the only medical provider.
- June 22nd: House passed the bill, carried by Rep. Reynolds, on a mostly party line vote.

[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.

- June 20th: Senate voted the bill out (6/20) on a party line vote without discussion.
- June 22d: House voted the bill out 39-13

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

- Senate voted the bill out (6/21) unanimously without discussion.

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

- Senate voted the bill out (6/21) almost unanimously with Sen. Girod (R-Stayton) as the only no vote without discussion.

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

- Senate voted the bill out (6/21) on a 18-7 vote without discussion.

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

- The Senate voted (6/21) the bill out on a 18-6 vote without discussion.

[HB 3396](#): Health care christmas tree bill

- The Senate voted (6/24) the bill out almost unanimously with Sen. Robinson (R-Grants Pass) as the only no vote without discussion.

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

- The Senate voted (6/24) the bill out on a 22-3 vote without discussion.

[HB 2045](#): Requires health care providers to annually report to Oregon Health Authority providers' aggregate amount of compensation paid to frontline workers as wages, benefits, salaries, bonuses and incentive payments.

- The Senate voted (6/24) the bill out almost unanimously with Sen. Robinson (R-Grants Pass) as the only no vote without discussion.

Coalition Meeting Report

AHO Policy Check-In

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OHA shared that there is nothing “bad” by their standards in SB 5506 (funding for the emergency board) and that it includes vaguely \$20M for public health modernization.