

OAFP Weekly Report

Week ending January 27, 2023

Capitol Climate

Week two of this long legislative session arrived like a lion and went out like one...a flurry of bills have been scheduled for hearings and unscheduled as advocates negotiated with legislative offices around process for refining bill concepts and strategy on when to take more controversial bills “live”. We’re definitely seeing the resetting of roles between lobbyists and legislators as well all readjust to in person lobbying and strategy making.

We’re eagerly awaiting the release of the Governor’s recommended budget (GRB), but in the meantime we’ve gotten to hear from the Majority and Minority offices on their legislative priorities (to read more visit the Oregon Legislature “[press releases](#)” section of the website). It’s likely we’ll see the GRB released this week or next, with a revenue forecast to follow shortly thereafter (Feb. 22nd, 2023).

Committee Hearing Report outs

Senate Health Care

01/23/23

Monday there was a public hearing for [SB 232](#) (telehealth bill) testimony given by Nicole Krishnaswami from the Oregon Medical Board along with an Oregon Medical Association Representative. Chair Patterson got the speakers to agree that the bill was very similar to a Washington state law.

Senate Health Care

01/25/23

There was a brief work session on [SB 232](#) (Allows out-of-state physician or physician assistant to provide specified care to patients located in Oregon) with no new verbal testimonies but 3 written testimonies were submitted. Then an Informational Meeting on Scope of Practice under Oregon Licenses by Representative Maxine Dexter, Courtni Dresser the Associate Director of Oregon Medical Association, Sabrina Riggs the Senior Vice President of Dalton Advocacy.

House Behavioral Health and Health Care

01/23/23 through 01/25/23

Monday was an Informational Meeting regarding the Oregon Health Plan Overview by OHA. No bills of interest were discussed. Tuesday was another informational meeting regarding Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) Overview by Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services. No bills of interest were discussed. Wednesday was focused on public hearings for bills we are not tracking and [HB 2762](#) was rescheduled due to timing.

Joint Ways and Means Human Services Subcommittee

01/23/23 through 01/25/23

Monday was the first day the committee met so it was just orientation and finished early. Tuesday was an Informational Meeting for [Reducing Child Poverty](#) presented by the Deputy Director of the Oregon Department of Human Services and on [Unwinding the Public Health Emergency](#) presented by ODHS. Wednesday was another informational meeting Family Preservation by the Child Welfare Division.

Coalition Meeting Report

AHO Policy Check-In

01/25/23

This was the first meeting of the session and started off slow. AHO is scheduling meetings with Sen. Patterson, Consumer and Business services, and Oregon Nonprofit association. Regional Health Equity Coalitions (RHECs) is asking for support on SB [564](#) (hearing on 02/01 1-2:30 pm). HCAO is asking for support on SB 704 (Bill response to Measure 111) and is expecting a hearing soon. The group is looking for speakers and is open to suggestions.