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HPAC Meeting

State Legislative Session Summary

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Agenda

- **Session Narrative**
- **Washington County Homelessness Legislative Priorities & Additional Bills of Interest**
- **Statewide Homelessness Outcomes**
- **What's Next at the Legislature**
 - Upcoming timelines
 - A virtual year
- **Q & A**
 - What's on your mind? What should I know?



2021 Legislative Session: Lobbying in the Abstract

- **A Legislative Long Session Like No Other**

- The session kicked off two days later than scheduled due to fear of political violence at the State Capitol
- In the backdrop of the session is the need to address
 - Global pandemic response and recovery
 - National and local tensions concerning race and police reform
 - The disastrous 2020 wildfire season that devastated entire communities
- The forced resignation of one legislator and the expulsion of another
- Historic federal resources provided to the state, legislators and local governments
- *And through it all, the capitol building never opened to the public or to lobbyists; all committee hearings were conducted virtually, and the legislature passed over 800 bills.*



WashCo Board Adopted County-Wide Priorities

- ✓ **Identify and secure funding and constituent relief for all COVID-19 related programs and services.**
- ✓ Support flexible policies and funding mechanisms and work to improve equitable health and human services outcomes for our communities.
- ✓ Support investments in regional transportation infrastructure projects.
- ✓ Restore funding to, and cost recovery for, County programs and services with a focus on Community Corrections, the County Law Library and Juvenile Conciliation Services.
- ✓ Prioritize investments in workforce development including programs focused on workforce diversity.
- ✓ **Secure funding that supports our homeless population, renters, and homeowners.**



WashCo Housing & Homelessness Board Adopted Priorities

✓ Homeless Residents

- \$25M for emergency shelter construction + \$2M technical assistance.
- \$40M in current service level funding to the Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) and State Homeless Assistance (SHAP).

✓ Housing Stability for Renters during COVID-19

- SB 278 and SB 282 – Tenant protections

✓ Housing Stability for Homeowners during COVID-19

- HB 2009 – Foreclosure moratorium



WashCo Housing and Homelessness Hot Topics

- **Affordable Housing**

- SB 5505 – \$410M for Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) and Permanent Supportive Housing
- HB 5006 – \$100M for Preservation; \$3M to study housing needs

- **Homelessness**

- HB 2006 – Constructing new shelter supersiting
- HB 3261 – Building conversion to shelter supersiting
- HB 3115 – Camping on public property
- HB 3124 – Camp removal notice requirements

- **Racial Equity**

- HB 2007 – Homeownership opportunities
- HB 2100 – Homeless services
- SB 291 – Landlord-tenant



Speaker Kotek's Framing of the Statewide Homelessness Assistance Package

- \$47 million for increasing emergency shelter capacity and navigation centers for the next cold-weather season, including:
 - \$26.5 million for low-barrier emergency shelters in Eugene, Salem, Bend, Medford, McMinnville, Portland, Roseburg, and The Dalles
 - \$10.5 million for shelters in the City of Salem
 - \$9.7 million for additional motel-to-shelter Project Turnkey sites
- \$25 million to assist communities with shelter operations and provide technical assistance
- \$20 million for the Behavioral Health Housing Incentive Fund
- \$12 million for permanent supportive housing rental assistance and service supports
- \$10 million to Multnomah County for the construction of a behavioral health resource center in downtown Portland
- \$3.6 million for providers serving unaccompanied unhoused youth (HB 2544)
- \$1.2 million to improve the statewide data system on homelessness and service outcomes
- Expediting emergency shelter siting by temporarily giving local governments more flexibility in siting emergency shelters to assist unhoused Oregonians (HB 2006)
- Modernizing the statewide housing and homeless assistance system and ensuring access to culturally specific and culturally responsive organizations (HB 2100)
- Protecting unsheltered Oregonians from fines or arrest for sleeping or camping on public property when there are no other options (HB 3115)



Wildfire relief

- Additionally, the legislature allocated \$150 million to support the rehousing of Oregonians who lost housing in the September 2020 wildfires and \$75 million to support their near-term food and shelter needs.



What's Next?

- **July-August**
 - Summer!
- **September**
 - 20 to 24: Virtual legislative days and special session
- **October**
 - Possible virtual BoC Congressional Meetings
- **November**
 - 15 to 17: Virtual legislative days
 - 19: Legislative concept request deadline
 - Draft WashCo 2022 legislative agendas to Board of Commissioners
- **December**
 - WashCo Board of Commissioners tentatively approves 2022 legislative agendas
- **January**
 - 10: Legislative concepts returned if requested by November 19
 - 11 to 13: Legislative days
 - 14: Legislative concept filing deadline
- **February-March**
 - Feb 1 to March 8: Short legislative session



Discussion / Questions

