

CITY OF SALEM LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

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MEETING AGENDA

February 5, 2021 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Virtual Meeting on Zoom Platform
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1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Legislative Session Update, Justin Martin
3. Updates on 2021 Legislative Priorities for Funding Support
 - Navigation Center
 - Sobering Center
 - Yaquina Hall (affordable housing)
 - Community mental health impacts
 - Protect drinking water source with wildfire clean up
 - Secure COVID-19 recovery resources
4. 2021 Session (so far)
 - Behavioral health, mental health and crisis response (see attached)
 - Climate-related (see attached)
5. Adjourn

City of Salem Legislative Priorities for 2021 Session

Several bills introduced this session so far fit within key Salem priorities for this session, as currently authored. These bills are certain to evolve. For now, the active bills as of February 2, 2021 related to impacts of climate change and bills which may address behavioral health, mental health and mobile crisis response in local communities include:

1. *Behavioral health, mental health and mobile crisis response*

Policy Statement to Guide Response

Homelessness: Support additional funding for local community organizations and governments to provide more rental assistance, intensive case management, mental and behavioral health treatment, respite care, short-term sobering services and longer-term recovery programs, and funding to reduce barriers to housing for those chronically unsheltered in our communities.

- [HB 2086](#) puts Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in lead to design a statewide crisis system to include no-barrier, emotional support, regardless of language or insurance status. The bill includes an unspecified appropriation beginning July 1, 2021 for programs responsive to BIPOC community and youth, peer-run respite centers, a sustainable payment model for existing certified behavioral health clinics and coordinated care organizations, and funding for re-integration for criminal defendants. For Salem, HB 2086 would provide more resources and supports for those who are chronically homeless and dealing with untreated mental illness, possibly resulting in providing shelter for someone who is experiencing chronic homelessness with intensive case management and a network of community-based services. This bill calls out specific funding pools for community-based housing serving those with behavioral health needs.
- [HB 2313](#) expands scope of Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission's statewide inventory of services to include recovery supports (care and services that prevent harm to an individual with substance abuse disorder), establishes November 1, 2021 as the date findings are due, and expands membership to include housing, youth, education, and veteran's services state agencies in its membership. The City of Salem welcomes better information about available services and gaps in our community. Broader definition of the Commission's work and participation in the Commission is likely to bring more resources to bear toward solutions to this perennial challenge.
- [HB 2314](#) and [SB 272](#) direct the Oregon Health Authority to study and evaluate approaches to increasing access to behavioral health services throughout this state, with attention to rural areas and medically underserved populations, by September 15, 2022.
- [HB 2417](#) requires Oregon's Department of Human Services to provide matching grants to cities or counties for mobile crisis intervention teams. Establishing a mobile crisis response unit for people in crisis, as an alternative to direct City public safety response (such as Emergency Medical Support or Police) is a critical priority for Salem. For this bill, mobile crisis intervention is a two-person team consisting of a nurse or emergency medical services provider and a crisis worker (with specific credentials), relying on trauma-informed and de-escalation techniques to resolve conflicts, make welfare checks, address suicide threats, intervene in substance abuse situations and other non-emergency medical issues. As initially drafted, the grant pre-requisites include a sobering facility, at least one shelter facility for every 65,000 residents, and at least one crisis respite center. The grant source (\$10M) is ALSO available to help communities meet these pre-requisites. Matching grants would be available after July 1, 2021.

- [HB 2675](#) establishes a 16-member Task Force on Behavioral Health to study “Chronic and Systemic Issues in Oregon’s Mental Health Treatment System Leave Children and Their Families in Crisis,” and develop recommendations for 1) better integration of the behavioral health systems in this state and 2) for improving compensation and working conditions for direct providers of behavioral health care by September 15, 2022.
- [HB 2952](#) funds Department of Human Services to address unmet needs of seniors for mental and behavioral health treatment and to address disproportionate burdens on seniors arising from COVID.
- [HB 3069](#) requires Oregon Health Authority to study and evaluate possible approaches to increasing access to behavioral health services for all Oregonians, with particular focus rural areas and medically underserved populations, by September 15, 2022.
- [HB 3111](#) requires Oregon Health Authority to contract with at least four Recovery Community Organizations, in accordance with criteria adopted by Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, to operate four recovery community centers in four different counties.
- [HCR 5](#) HCR 5 declares the Legislature's intent to provide a framework for statewide community-based mobile crisis intervention strategy to respond to complex mental and behavioral health crises, outside the scope of policing.
- [SB 4](#) directs Oregon Health Authority to make recommendations for improving coordination of youth mental health services among state agencies by September 15, 2022. A key priority for the City of Salem this session is to secure funding for local government to reduce hardships that lead to homelessness and chronic homelessness such as support for mental health impacts in our community. Any improvement to coordination, access, or capacity of mental health services is welcome.
- [SB 67](#) directs Oregon Health Authority to identify regulatory or policy barriers to effective and timely behavioral health treatment for individuals with co-occurring disorders, like a mental health disorder along with a substance abuse disorder, problem gambling or an intellectual or developmental disability. The group is to report and make recommendations for legislation by September 15, 2021. A key priority for the City of Salem this session is to secure funding for local government to reduce hardships that lead to homelessness and chronic homelessness such as support for behavioral health impacts in our community. Chronically homeless individuals often deal with untreated mental illness, addiction, and chronic health conditions worsened by long periods of homelessness. Any improvement to coordination, access, or capacity of behavioral health treatment is welcome.
- [SB 680](#) SB 680 provides funding to organizations operating peer respite centers to individuals with mental illness who experience acute distress, anxiety, or emotional pain. The bill also gives Oregon Health Authority responsibility for adopting criteria for those who receive funding and to monitor compliance. A key priority for the City of Salem this session is to secure funding for local government to reduce hardships that lead to homelessness and chronic homelessness such as support for impacts in our community. Chronically homeless individuals often deal with untreated mental illness, addiction, and chronic health conditions worsened by long periods of homelessness. Any improvement to coordination, access, or capacity of services for mental health is welcome.

Other bills we’re watching:

- [HB 2006](#) defines "emergency shelter." Requires local governments to allow siting of qualifying emergency shelters by qualifying entities notwithstanding land use laws and regulations.
- [HB 3115](#) provides that local law regulating sitting, lying, sleeping or keeping warm and dry outdoors on public property that is open to public must be objectively reasonable as to time,

place and manner with regards to persons experiencing homelessness. The bill represents a working compromise for OLC, AOC and LOC. Describe what it does and that cities are uncomfortable with the timeframe, the details around liability are still being worked out.

2. *Climate-Related*

Policy Statement to Guide Response

Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Establish ongoing, comprehensive and robust programs, partnerships, and commitments to support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in our community.

- [HB 2398](#) requires Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services to ensure that statewide Reach Code mandates achievement of not more than 90 percent of site energy use that other statewide residential and commercial building codes require.
- [HB 2488](#) would require the City to update its Comprehensive Plan and land use regulations to comply with statewide planning goals that would be updated to address climate change and equity. The State would update the goals by December 2026, and the City would need to be in compliance within 90 days of the goals' adoption. The State would also set interim standards by July 2021 that would apply to City land use decisions until the City complied with the updated statewide planning goals. The bill aligns with the City's adopted policy statement to support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, but State funding, technical assistance, and a longer timeframe - more than 90 days - are needed to support local implementation. Changes required at the local level could be significant. *(Currently at a "Watch, 1")*
- [HB 2475](#) authorizes Public Utility Commission to consider differential energy burden and other inequities of affordability in rates
- [HB 2995](#) - Requires 100 percent of electricity sold in 2035 and each subsequent calendar year to retail electricity consumers to be clean electricity.
- [HB 2842](#) provides grant funding to support the rehabilitation of homes to extend their useful life and improve indoor air. This would provide funding to abatement of hazardous materials. "Healthy Homes" Grant funding through OHA. Targets populations disproportionately impacted as well as low income households.