



Bill Report: Legislative Committee

Report Date: February 21, 2025

City of Salem

Bill Number	Position	Bill Sponsor	Last Three Actions
HB 2531 INTRO	Support	Rep Andersen; Rep Diehl; Rep Evans; Rep Mannix; Rep Munoz; Sen Patterson (Presession filed)	01/17/25 - Referred to Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

Relating to services provided by the City of Salem; declaring an emergency.

Appropriates moneys to fund the provision of fire response, emergency medical and law enforcement and public safety services by the City of Salem.

2/21/2025 - HB 2531 would help cover Salem's cost of providing public safety services to the State Capitol and all other State facilities within our community.

In Oregon, property taxes are the primary funding source for public safety services provided by cities. For local area residents and businesses, property tax payments function like insurance. We pay property taxes and expect that police, fire, and emergency medical service will be provided to us in our time of need. Salem's Fire, Emergency Medical Services, and Police respond to emergencies where people or property are in danger from fire, physical threat, or experiencing a health emergency. Salem's loss of at least \$7.25 million in property taxes each year due to prevalence of State government buildings and facilities is different than other cities with concentrations of public facilities within their boundaries. University campuses, also publicly held properties, cater to a different population, with different needs for public safety services, and a different and dedicated funding source for those services. Students and their families support public safety services and basic health care through campus fees and other funding support. There is no other funding support available to providing fire or emergency medical support to State facilities in Salem.

The bill would help to offset the impacts of providing public safety services to the Capitol District and other state-owned property in the City.

HB 2947 INTRO	Support	Rep Andersen; Rep Gamba; Rep Helm; Rep McDonald; Rep Neron; Sen Golden; Sen Patterson; Sen Sollman (Presession filed)	02/10/25 - Public Hearing held. 01/17/25 - Referred to Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 01/13/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.
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Relating to a study of PFAS in biosolids applied to land; declaring an emergency.

Directs the Oregon State University Extension Service and the College of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University to study the distribution and occurrence of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) found in biosolids applied to agricultural fields that do not produce crops intended for human consumption.

2/19/2025 - HB 2947 directs the Oregon State University Extension Service and the College of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University to study the fate and transport of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) found in biosolids applied to agricultural fields. Proposed amendments modify the study and requirements, and appropriates \$740,000 to fund the study.

City of Salem has supported legislation related to the study of PFAS in previous legislative sessions. Findings from the study could have implications on the City's biosolids operations.

HB 3426 INTRO	Support	Rep Boice	01/30/25 - Referred to Judiciary. 01/28/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.
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Relating to unmanned aircraft systems.

Expands offenses relating to the use of an unmanned aircraft system to interfere with official duties to include firefighting and search and rescue efforts.

2/7/2025 - HB 3426 expands existing offenses related to the use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS / drones) to include interference with firefighting and search and rescue operations. Under the bill, reckless drone interference would be classified



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<p>as a Class A violation, while knowing or intentional interference would be a Class A misdemeanor. If a drone causes death or serious injury it would be considered a Class A felony.</p> <p>This bill strengthens protections for emergency response efforts by preventing drone-related disruptions that could endanger lives and compromise critical operations, and enhances safety for firefighting and search and rescue personnel.</p>			
HB 3503 INTRO	Support	Rep Dobson; Rep Gamba; Rep Hartman; Rep Neron; Rep Nguyen H	02/06/25 - Referred to Housing and Homelessness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. 02/04/25 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.
<p>Relating to Clackamas County community land trust housing; prescribing an effective date.</p> <p>Requires the Housing and Community Services Department to disburse moneys to Community LendingWorks to provide grants to purchase housing in Clackamas County that will be made available through a community land trust as affordable housing to first-time home buyers.</p> <p>2/19/2025 - HB 3503 requires the Housing and Community Services Department to disburse moneys to Community LendingWorks to provide grants to purchase housing in Clackamas County that will be made available through a community land trust as affordable housing to first-time home buyers</p> <p>The bill is a pilot program for Clackamas County, Salem Housing Authority (SHA) hopes to further advocate for additional funds for this program to support SHA during the 2027 Legislative Session. SHA has 79 scattered homes that are intended to convert into affordable homeownership opportunities. This is challenging for partnerships and HUD. HUD wants us to dispose for FMV and the non-profits cannot acquire at this rate. State resources can stretch these dollars and assist Housing Authorities in meeting their mission to dispose of homes into affordable homeownership. Starting with a "pilot" program is a great place to build into a permanent source.</p>			
SB 31 INTRO	Support	Sen Patterson (Pre-session filed)	03/03/25 - Public Hearing Scheduled. 01/17/25 - Referred to Housing and Development. 01/13/25 - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.
<p>Relating to housing.</p> <p>Requires the Housing and Community Services Department to study housing.</p> <p>2/13/2025 - SB 31 is a placeholder bill related to housing. -1 proposed amendments create the Expiring Affordability Mitigation Tenant Fund. The concept was drafted by a workgroup with Senator Patterson in response to expiring projects like Orchard Park. This legislation would create a mitigation fund to assist tenants who live at buildings with expiring affordability restrictions to relocate, remove barriers to relocate, and/or offer possible deposit assistance to move and find more affordable housing options. SHA participated in the workgroup that developed this legislation.</p>			