

## City Council Report Date: February 1, 2023

### **City of Salem**

Bill Number	Position	Priority	
HB 2007 INTRO	Support	1	

Relating to the possession of firearms in certain public areas.

Authorizes governing bodies of certain public entities that own or control public building to adopt policy, ordinance or regulation or precluding affirmative defense for possession of firearms in public building and adjacent grounds by concealed handgun licensees.

2/1/2023 - HB 2007 authorizes governing bodies of certain public entities that own or control public buildings to adopt regulations prohibiting possession of firearms in public buildings and adjacent grounds. Under current law, local control over firearms in public buildings is pre-empted. This proposal provides for more local control in restricting access to firearms in public buildings.

HB 2095	Support	1
INTRO		

Relating to traffic safety.

Authorizes all cities to elect to operate photo radar if city pays costs of operating photo radar.

1/17/2023 - HB 2095 clarifies and broadens the ability of cities to enact photo radar programs. To improve traffic safety and reduce crashes, the Salem Police Department already employs both a photo red light and speed on green automated traffic enforcement program. Photo radar is one of the most influential tools to help change behaviors and keep our street safe. We have experience using this tool to change behaviors.

Allowing cities to reduce speed limits in specified areas is beneficial to local governments. The City has recently reduce speed limits on problematic streets. This bill would allow for greater discretion by local governing bodies for traffic safety measures.

HB 2563 Support INTRO

Relating to a tax credit for investment in affordable housing; prescribing an effective date.

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Creates income or corporate excise tax credit for investment in affordable housing, available to taxpayer eligible for federal low-income housing credit, and allocated by Housing and Community Services Department.

1/27/2023 - HB 2563 creates income or corporate excise tax credit for investment in affordable housing available to taxpayer eligible for federal low-income tax credit and allocated by Oregon Housing and Community Services Department. As one of Oregon's severely rent burdened communities, Salem's City Council is interested in increasing access to and the number of affordable housing units within our community.

HB 2757	Support
INTRO	

Relating to crisis services; prescribing an effective date.

Expands and provides funding for coordinated crisis services system including 9-8-8 suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis hotline.

1/24/2023 - HB 2757 proposes to expand coordinated crisis services, including 9-8-8 suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis hotline with funding from consumers and retail subscribers. Local governments need immediate local access to behavioral health care for those in need. The City of Salem has long-supported increased access to behavioral health resources, particularly for those experiencing behavioral health crisis.

HB 2761	Support	1
INTRO		

Relating to financing of affordable housing by Housing and Community Services Department.

Expands Housing and Community Services Department ability to allow financing of certain affordable residential units within mixed-income or mixed-use housing developments subject to limits established by Oregon Housing Stability Council.

1/19/2023 - HB 2761 would expand Housing and Community Services Department financing options to use low-income housing tax credits for mixed used developments. The tax credits would apply to the low-income portion of the building. This opens up more creative financing structures that would benefit and align with the city goals to deconcentrate poverty and



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provide units at all rent levels in key areas of the city. This bill has been endorsed by the Housing Alliance and marked as a priority for SHA.

HB 2781 Support INTRO

Relating to a special bridge district; prescribing an effective date.

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Authorizes formation of bridge district in capital city region, consisting of Benton, Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties.

1/21/2023 - HB 2781 authorizes a bridge district to levy property taxes for purposes of planning, financing, constructing, operations and maintaining bridges over the Willamette River in the capital city region. The Bill also forms a district board consisting of five members elected to represent each of the four counties, with one member elected at large.

HB 2918 Support

INTRO

Relating to mobile health units; declaring an emergency.

Appropriates moneys to Oregon Health Authority to use to continue pilot program providing grants to entities to operate mobile health units.

1/21/2023 - HB 2918 continues grants provided under a pilot program for operating mobile health units. Mobile health units help our unsheltered neighbors.

Relating to preservation of publicly supported housing; declaring an emergency.

Limits terminations and rent increases for three years after tenants' housing is withdrawn from publicly supported housing.

1/19/2023 - HB 3042 amends the preservation statute to strengthen the provisions for providing notice of expiration and other tenant protections. It could improve chances to preserve more of the expiring projects and provide additional protections for residents that end up converting similar to Orchard Park. One of the most important impacts to the tenants in this legislation is the notification requirements. Tenants would be notified 30 months in advance of the removal of affordability restrictions. It would also establish a 3-year safe harbor period protecting rent increases post transition. This bill has been endorsed by the Housing Alliance and is as a priority for SHA.

SB 496 Support 1 INTRO

Relating to assisting vulnerable populations with pets; declaring an emergency.

Amends allowable purposes of Emergency Housing Account to include account moneys to be used for grants to assist pets of individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

1/21/2023 - SB 496 would allow funds from the Emergency Housing Account from Housing and Community Services Department (ORS 458.650) to be used for grants to help people experiencing homelessness or at the risk of becoming homeless to help pay for costs associated with their pets.

SB 686	Support	1
INTRO		

Relating to the possession of firearms in certain public areas.

Authorizes governing bodies of certain public entities that own or control public building to adopt policy, ordinance or regulation or precluding affirmative defense for possession of firearms in public building and adjacent grounds by concealed handgun licensees.

2/1/2023 - SB 686 authorizes governing bodies of certain public entities that own or control public buildings to adopt regulations prohibiting possession of firearms in public buildings and adjacent grounds. Under current law, local control over firearms in public buildings is pre-empted. This proposal provides for more local control in restricting access to firearms in public buildings.



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SB 695 INTRO	Support	1

Relating to funding for crisis response services.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to study potential pathways for local governments and nonprofit providers to receive Medicaid reimbursement directly for crisis response services.

1/21/2023 - SB 695 requires the Oregon Health Authority to study potential pathways for local governments and non-profit providers to receive Medicaid reimbursement directly for crisis response services. OHA must issue a report no later than September 15, 2024. Access to Medicaid reimbursement can help fund additional services to those in need in our community.

Bill Number	Position	Priority
HB 2512 INTRO	Support	2

Relating to behavioral health.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to study access to behavioral health treatment in Oregon.

1/21/2023 - HB 2152 requires the Oregon Health Authority to study access to behavioral health treatment in Oregon and produce a report on their findings by September 1, 2024. Local governments need immediate local access to behavioral health care for those in need. The City of Salem has long-supported increased access to behavioral health resources, particularly for those experiencing behavioral health crisis.

SB 611	Support	2
INTRO		

Relating to residential tenancies; declaring an emergency.

Increases amount residential landlord owes tenant for landlord-cause termination of tenancy.

1/20/2023 - SB 611 would increase amount residential landlord owes tenant for landlord-cause termination of tenancy. This legislation increases the relocation fee for tenants who are asked to move without cause from an amount equaling one month rent to an amount equaling three month's rent. The bill also limits the rent increases allowed to once every 12 months and limited to the provisions outlined in ORS 90.324 (7% + CPI).. This bill has been labeled the "rent reasonableness" bill. This measure has been labeled a priority with Housing Alliance and will be advocated heavily this session as an eviction prevention measure. It is likely SHA will provide support for this measure.