

## Administrative Services/Finance

<a href="#">HB 2063</a>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<a href="#">Bill Info</a>	Support	2	1/8/17	Ryan Zink	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** For purposes of property tax exemption for certain communication infrastructure, requires minimum cost of newly constructed or installed real or tangible personal property. Sets ongoing maximum monthly charge and initial fees for qualified project. For company with majority of residential broadband customers residing within certain large metropolitan statistical areas, requires minimum proportion of residential customers to be served outside such metropolitan statistical areas. Clarifies that initial application for exemption applies to any company whose property has not been granted exemption. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Relating To:** Relating to property tax exemption for certain communication infrastructure; creating new provisions; amending ORS 308.677; and prescribing an effective date.

**Comments:** Adds to and clarifies the conditions under which a broadband utility company may qualify for tax exemptions on projects providing gigabyte broadband communication services.

**Status:**

2/9/17 H - Public Hearing scheduled.

1/17/17 H - Referred to Revenue.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

<a href="#">HB 2203</a>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<a href="#">Bill Info</a>	Support	2	1/8/17	Josh Eggleston	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Changes distribution of moneys collected by Department of Revenue as tax imposed on retail sale of marijuana items. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Relating To:** Relating to distribution of moneys collected as a tax imposed on the retail sale of marijuana items; creating new provisions; amending section 44, chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2015; and prescribing an effective date.

**Comments:** HB 2203 shifts the distribution of marijuana revenue from 10% to 30% allocated to Cities. It also changes the method for distributing the City portion to 25% based on the share of grow canopies registered in the proceeding year. The remaining 75% is allocated based on the number of retail licenses issued the proceeding year. This is a significant increase in the marijuana revenue potential for the City.

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Revenue.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

<a href="#">HB 2363</a>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<a href="#">Bill Info</a>	Oppose	1	1/8/17	Josh Eggleston	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Authorizes counties to withhold from taxing districts costs to county of assessing property and collecting property taxes. Limits withheld amount to two percent of tax distribution to taxing district. Excludes moneys distributed for bonded indebtedness from withholding. Phases in provisions over four years. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Relating To:** Relating to county property tax collections; creating new provisions; amending ORS 311.390, 311.395 and 311.658; and prescribing an effective date.

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**Comments:** HB 2363 would allow Counties to withhold 2% of City property taxes. 2% of budgeted current year property tax revenue is \$1,231,040.

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Revenue.  
1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[SB 0202](#)

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Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/11/17	Ryan Zink	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Prohibits city from imposing charge on other public bodies for use of city's rights of way that exceed city's actual, direct costs. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Relating To:** Relating to charges for use of a city's rights of way; creating new provisions; amending ORS 221.415; and prescribing an effective date.

**Comments:** City currently receives franchise fees from public bodies for the use of the City's Public Right-of-Way. This bill would cause the City's GF revenue to decrease approximately \$40-50K annually.

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Finance and Revenue.  
1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

Police

[HB 2215](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/8/17	Steve Birr	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Establishes Oregon Right to Rest Act. Makes violation unlawful practice enforceable by Commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries or by civil action.

**Relating To:** Relating to rights of persons experiencing homelessness; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 659A.885.

**Comments:** Allows homeless people to camp on public lands or live in recreation vehicles legally parked.

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Judiciary.  
1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2355](#)

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Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/8/17	Steve Birr	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Directs Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to develop method for recording data concerning officer-initiated pedestrian and traffic stops. Directs Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to develop training and procedures for recording data. Requires law enforcement agencies to begin recording required officer-involved pedestrian and traffic stop data beginning on date based on size of agency. Requires agencies to provide recorded data to commission beginning on date based on size of agency. Requires that data not individually identify law enforcement officers or persons who were subject of traffic stops. Requires Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to review, using statistical analysis, officer-initiated pedestrian and traffic stop data received from law enforcement agencies, and report no later than July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, to Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Governor and committees or interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to judiciary. Directs department to review report received from commission. Authorizes department to provide advice and technical assistance to law enforcement agency named in report. Directs department to report assistance to local public safety coordinating council in public meeting. Directs Superintendent of State Police to enter into, if possible, agreement or contract with Federal Bureau of Investigation to allow data pertaining to individuals of Hispanic or Middle Eastern ethnicity to be entered into Law Enforcement Data System. Reduces crime classification of unlawful possession of controlled substance in Schedule I. Punishes by maximum of one year's imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both, except in specified circumstances. Retains current crime classification if possession is commercial drug offense or if person possesses substantial quantity of controlled substance. Reduces crime classification of unlawful possession of controlled substance in Schedule II. Punishes by maximum of one year's imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both, except in specified circumstances. Retains current crime classification if possession is commercial drug offense or if person possesses substantial quantity of controlled substance. Requires county to supervise offenders convicted of certain drug-related misdemeanors. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**Relating To:** Relating to public safety; creating new provisions; amending ORS 131.915, 131.920, 161.570, 181A.410, 423.478, 475.752, 475.824, 475.834, 475.854, 475.874, 475.884 and 475.894; and declaring an emergency.

**Comments:** Requires law enforcement agencies to collect stop data, reduces crime classifications for certain drug crimes. This is an unfunded mandate.

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Judiciary with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2667](#)

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Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Support	2	1/9/17	Steve Birr	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Establishes Task Force on Vision Zero: Achieving Zero Traffic Crashes, Injuries and Fatalities. Sunsets December 31, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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**Relating To:** Relating to Task Force on Vision Zero; and declaring an emergency.

**Comments:** Establishes Task Force on Vision Zero: Achieving Zero Traffic Crashes, Injuries and Fatalities.

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Transportation Policy with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2712](#)

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Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/9/17	Steve Birr	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Requires law enforcement agencies to adopt policies on responding to officer-involved domestic violence incidents. Defines "officer-involved domestic violence." Requires Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to adopt rules related to officer-involved domestic violence. Establishes Task Force on Officer-Involved Domestic Violence. Directs task force to develop model policy on officer-involved domestic violence. Sunsets task force on December 31, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**Relating To:** Relating to domestic violence; and declaring an emergency.

**Comments:** Requires law enforcement agencies to adopt rules related to officer-involved domestic violence as established by DPSST. This is a loss of local control

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Judiciary with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2713](#)

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Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/9/17	Steve Birr	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Provides that evidence obtained during or as result of defendant's unlawful detention by peace officer is inadmissible in criminal proceeding against defendant.

**Relating To:** Relating to evidence obtained after unlawful detention.

**Comments:** Suppresses any evidence obtained during an unlawful detention will be suppressed. While this is consistent with current case law, case law is subject to change.

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Judiciary.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[SB 0034](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Support	2	1/11/17	Steve Birr	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Expands "move over law" to include any motor vehicle that is displaying warning or hazard lights or specific indications of distress.

**Relating To:** Relating to the offense of failure to maintain a safe distance from a motor vehicle; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 811.147.

**Comments:** Expands "move over law" to include vehicles displaying hazard lights or flares.

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Judiciary.

1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

[SB 0346](#)

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<a href="#">Bill Info</a>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
	Oppose	2	1/11/17	Steve Birr	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Requires Attorney General to appoint attorney from outside county in which peace officer uses deadly physical force to lead investigation into use of deadly physical force.

**Relating To:** Relating to investigations of the use of deadly physical force by peace officers; amending ORS 181A.785 and 181A.790.

**Comments:** Requires Attorney General to appoint an attorney from outside county to lead investigation into police officer use of deadly force. Marion County DA's are far more qualified than most DA's.

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Judiciary.

1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

<a href="#">SB 0347</a>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<a href="#">Bill Info</a>	Oppose	2	1/11/17	Steve Birr	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Expands definition of "involved officer" to include officer involved in incident in which use of deadly physical force caused serious physical injury. Increases number of sessions with mental health professional that law enforcement agency must pay for and requires involved officer to attend all sessions. Requires testing of involved officer for controlled substances, including anabolic steroids, immediately following incident in which use of deadly physical force caused death or serious physical injury. Requires Department of Justice to investigate incident in which use of deadly physical force by police officer resulted in death or serious physical injury of person. Authorizes department to bring criminal prosecution for violation of law by involved officer. Requires district attorney's office in county in which incident occurred to reimburse department for costs of investigation and prosecution. Requires Board on Public Safety Standards and Training to ensure that police officers and certified reserve officers receive periodic psychological evaluations as condition of certification. Requires Department of Public Safety Standards and Training and board to determine by rule when results of, or failure to submit to, psychological evaluation requires suspension or revocation of certification.

**Relating To:** Relating to police officers; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 180.120, 181A.780, 181A.785, 181A.790, 181A.795 and 181A.800.

**Comments:** Requires DOJ to investigate police officer's use of deadly force. DOJ lacks the expertise and resources to do this. Requires testing of officers for controlled substances and steroids (4th amendment issue). Requires periodic psychological evaluations for police officers and reserves (unfunded mandate).

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Judiciary, then Ways and Means.

1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

<a href="#">SB 0348</a>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<a href="#">Bill Info</a>	Oppose	2	1/11/17	Steve Birr	Committee 01.30.17

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**Summary:** Requires police officer involved in incident that resulted in death or serious physical injury of person to attend at least six sessions with mental health professional. Requires testing of involved officer for controlled substances, including anabolic steroids, immediately following incident in which use of deadly physical force caused death or serious physical injury. Requires Board on Public Safety Standards and Training to ensure that police officers and certified reserve officers receive periodic psychological evaluations as condition of certification. Requires Department of Public Safety Standards and Training and board to determine by rule when results of, or failure to submit to, psychological evaluation requires suspension or revocation of certification.

**Relating To:** Relating to police officers; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 181A.790.

**Comments:** Very similar to SB 347. Requires drug testing following incident (4th amendment problem). Requires psychological testing for all police officers and reserves.

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Judiciary, then Ways and Means.

1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

<a href="#">SB 0352</a>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<a href="#">Bill Info</a>	Oppose	2	1/11/17	Steve Birr	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Requires police officer to inform person stopped for traffic violation or upon suspicion of criminal activity that person has right to refuse request to search. Provides that failure to inform is prima facie evidence of involuntariness of consent. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**Relating To:** Relating to consent to search; creating new provisions; amending ORS 131.615 and 810.410; and declaring an emergency.

**Comments:** Requires police officer to inform a stopped person that they have the right to refuse consent to a search, and if not, constitutes prima facie evidence of involuntariness.

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Judiciary.

1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

<a href="#">SB 0355</a>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<a href="#">Bill Info</a>	Oppose	2	1/11/17	Steve Birr	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Requires law enforcement agency to notify Attorney General prior to beginning investigation when police officer uses deadly physical force. Requires Attorney General to appoint special investigator to lead investigation upon receipt of notification. Authorizes Attorney General to prosecute violations of law related to use of deadly physical force.

**Relating To:** Relating to the use of deadly physical force by police officers; amending ORS 181A.785, 181A.790 and 181A.800.

**Comments:** Requires law enforcement agency to notify Attorney General prior to beginning an investigation into use of deadly force. Requires AG to appoint special investigator to lead investigation. The AG's office lacks the expertise and resources to effectively investigate these incidents.

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1/17/17 S - Referred to Judiciary, then Ways and Means.  
1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

<a href="#">SB 0365</a>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<a href="#">Bill Info</a>	Oppose	2	1/11/17	Steve Birr	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Requires law enforcement officer to perform lethality assessment after making mandatory arrest for domestic assault.

**Relating To:** Relating to domestic violence offenses; amending ORS 133.055.

**Comments:** Requires law enforcement officer perform lethality assessment after making mandatory arrest for domestic assault. This is not practical and constitutes an unfunded mandate.

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Judiciary.  
1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

<a href="#">SB 0515</a>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<a href="#">Bill Info</a>	Support	2	1/9/17	Steve Birr	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Modifies definitions of "pen registers" and "trap and trace devices." Authorizes law enforcement agency to install pen register or trap and trace device without warrant or court order in certain circumstances. Prohibits law enforcement agency from obtaining personal electronic data of electronic communication device without warrant except in certain circumstances. Prohibits law enforcement agency from obtaining historical location data of electronic communication device without warrant or court order except in certain circumstances. Prohibits law enforcement agency from obtaining subscriber information or transactional information of electronic communication device without subpoena, warrant or court order except in certain circumstances. Establishes procedures for application by peace officer for court order to obtain historical location data, subscriber information or transactional information of electronic communication device. Authorizes court to issue order. Specifies time limits for preservation of information obtained by law enforcement agency. Modifies crimes for which law enforcement agency may obtain warrant to install mobile tracking device. Authorizes law enforcement agency to install mobile tracking device without warrant in certain circumstances. Requires that application for warrant to install mobile tracking device be authorized by certain persons.

**Relating To:** Relating to privacy; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 133.545, 133.617, 133.619, 165.657 and 165.669.

**Comments:** Proposal from Law Enforcement Responsibilities Technologies. An effort to protect privacy while balancing the needs of law enforcement.

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Judiciary.  
1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

<a href="#">SB 0571</a>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<a href="#">Bill Info</a>	Support	2	1/9/17	Steve Birr	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Prohibits public body from using cell-site simulator device to obtain or use personal electronic data or personal electronic metadata unless public body obtains consent or pursuant to search warrant or established warrant exception.

**Relating To:** Relating to cell-site simulator devices.



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**Comments:** Requires a public body to obtain consent, a search warrant, or established search warrant exemption to operate a cell-site simulator.

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Judiciary.

1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

## Fire

[SB 0007](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Support	2	1/11/17	Carl DeCarlo	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Directs Environmental Quality Commission to adopt rules applying certain oil spill prevention and emergency response planning requirements to high hazard train routes in this state. Adds railroad cars to definition of "facility" for purposes of liability for oil spillage under oil or hazardous material spillage statutes. Defines "high hazard train route" and "listed sensitive area" for purposes of contingency plans. Establishes annual assessment proportioned among certain railroads. Transfers moneys to Oil Spill Prevention Fund for purposes of certain activities related to high hazard train routes. Requires certain railroads to submit annual financial responsibility statement. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Relating To:** Relating to state transport of hazardous materials; creating new provisions; amending ORS 468B.300, 468B.340, 468B.345, 468B.355, 468B.360, 468B.365, 468B.385 and 468B.412; and prescribing an effective date.

**Comments:** Provides for enhanced emergency response planning and hazardous materials tracking along specific rail lines ("high hazard train routes"). Classifies rail cars as "facilities" with respect to hazardous materials requirements and spills. Requires operators of "high hazard" rail lines to develop an emergency response plan, support training and preparedness of local first responders and to verify that the company can meet the requirements of the emergency response plan.

This bill is of particular concern to the City of Salem because of the rail lines running thru the city and potential impact of a spill on the citizenry, city, state capitol, and environment.

However, it is unknown at this time if the rail lines running thru the City of Salem would be classified as "high hazard train route."

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Veterans and Emergency Preparedness, then Finance and Revenue.

1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

## Urban Development

[HB 2073](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Support	2	1/8/17	Annie Gorski	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Extends sunset for tax credit for electronic commerce in enterprise zone or city designated for electronic commerce.

**Relating To:** Relating to tax credits for electronic commerce; amending section 3, chapter 913, Oregon Laws 2009.



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**Comments:** Extends the sunset to 2024 for electric commerce in enterprise zone or City designated for electronic commerce. Currently, eligible businesses located in the Salem Enterprise Zone may qualify for an electronic commerce income tax credit. This serves as an additional incentive to attract, maintain, and grow companies in Salem (and across Oregon). Companies that conduct a percentage of their sales over the internet qualify for the incentive.

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Economic Development and Trade with subsequent referral to Tax Credits.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2459](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Support	2	1/8/17	Annie Gorski	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Establishes Task Force on Brownfields Tax Credits. Directs task force to study, evaluate and make recommendations concerning brownfields tax credits. Directs task force to report findings and recommendations to Senate and House interim committees on revenue on or before December 1, 2018. Sunsets task force on December 31, 2020. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Relating To:** Relating to brownfields; and prescribing an effective date.

**Comments:** Establishes a task force to evaluate feasibility of a tax credit for brownfields redevelopment projects. The City is a member of the Oregon Brownfields Coalition and has supported previous legislation authorizing creation of a tax abatement and land bank authority to encourage cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield sites. This aligns with the City Council's 2017 legislative priorities.

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Economic Development and Trade with subsequent referral to Revenue.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2470](#)

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Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	1	1/8/17	Kristin Retherford	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Requires urban renewal agency to exercise its powers by board including one member representing each taxing district other than municipality with jurisdiction in municipality that activates agency. Requires approval of urban renewal plan by all municipalities and taxing districts with jurisdiction in urban renewal areas included in plan before municipality may approve plan. Provides that certain tax abatement programs apply only to property taxes imposed by taxing districts that elect for them to apply. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**Relating To:** Relating to taxing districts; creating new provisions; amending ORS 285C.130, 285C.170, 285C.175, 285C.180, 285C.190, 285C.362, 285C.409, 307.123, 307.519, 307.543, 307.603, 307.606, 307.609, 307.618, 307.657, 307.671, 308.456, 457.010, 457.035, 457.045, 457.085, 457.095 and 457.125; repealing ORS 457.105; and prescribing an effective date.

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**Comments:** Requires that a member of each affected taxing district have a seat on an urban renewal agency board and changes the consult and confer requirement for creating a new urban renewal district to an approval by each affected taxing district. This would result in large, unwieldy urban renewal boards and difficulty in ever having a quorum to conduct meetings. It would also paralyze urban renewal by giving each affected district veto authority. Cities would lose control of urban renewal planning and efforts. This would also be a burden to small taxing districts with limited staff.

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Economic Development and Trade with subsequent referral to Revenue.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2583](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	1	1/9/17	Annie Gorski	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Modifies definition of "public works." Classifies exemption from ad valorem property taxation as funds of public agency for purpose of requiring payment of prevailing rate of wage. Requires public agency that procured contract for public works or sponsor of enterprise zone in which public works is located, as appropriate, to receive certified statements. Becomes operative 91 days after effective date of Act. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**Relating To:** Relating to the application of prevailing rates of wage; creating new provisions; amending ORS 279C.800, 279C.810, 279C.827 and 279C.845; and declaring an emergency.

**Comments:** Extends the definition of a "public work" for prevailing wage purposes to investments of \$5M or more in private infrastructure, building, or other improvements, benefiting from Enterprise Zone tax abatement. Requires agency overseeing the contracting or the Enterprise Zone sponsor to receive certified statements providing evidence of prevailing wage rates. Requiring prevailing wage for Enterprise Zone projects or qualifying infrastructure within an Enterprise Zone, will likely pose additional barrier for companies contemplating new investment in jobs and infrastructure (for company growth).

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Business and Labor.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[SB 0169](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Support	2	1/11/17	Annie Gorski	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Extends sunset for tax credit for electronic commerce in enterprise zone or city designated for electronic commerce.

**Relating To:** Relating to tax credits for electronic commerce; amending section 3, chapter 913, Oregon Laws 2009.

**Comments:** Extends the sunset for the Electronic Commerce Zone to 2024. This serves as an additional incentive to attract/maintain/grow companies to Salem (and across Oregon). Companies that conduct a percentage of their sales over the internet qualify for the incentive. Local text book distributor, BookByte, originally qualified for this incentive.

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Finance and Revenue, then Tax Credits.

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1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

<a href="#"><u>SB 0291</u></a>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Date Input</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	<b>Category</b>
<a href="#"><u>Bill Info</u></a>	Oppose	2	1/11/17	Annie Gorski	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Defines "funds of a public agency," for purposes of applying prevailing rate of wage to projects for public works, to include tax credits or tax abatements that contractor engaged in project for public works receives from state in connection with project. Becomes operative 91 days after effective date of Act. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**Relating To:** Relating to the application of a prevailing rate of wage to public works projects; creating new provisions; amending ORS 279A.010, 279A.128, 279C.800, 279C.810, 279C.827 and 279C.830; and declaring an emergency.

**Comments:** Broadens "funds of a public agency" for prevailing wage determination to include tax credits and abatements for a variety of construction and infrastructure projects. Extends applicability to all public contracting agencies. UDD and SEDCOR administer the Enterprise Zone tax abatement and Multi-Unit Housing Tax Incentive Program (tax abatement).

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Workforce.

1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

<a href="#"><u>SB 5530</u></a>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Date Input</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	<b>Category</b>
<a href="#"><u>Bill Info</u></a>	Support	2	1/11/17	Annie Gorski	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Increases amount of lottery bonds authorized to be issued for Oregon Business Development Department and Housing and Community Services Department. Authorizes issuance of various other lottery bonds. Establishes funds, or provides for deposit of moneys into existing funds, and appropriates moneys for projects financed. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

**Relating To:** Relating to lottery bonds; creating new provisions; amending ORS 285B.551 and section 4, chapter 906, Oregon Laws 2009, and section 3, chapter 786, Oregon Laws 2013; and declaring an emergency.

**Comments:** Increases Oregon Lottery allocation for Business Oregon. A large portion of Business Oregon's funding for economic development staffing and programs originates from Lottery funding. The City relies on support from Business Oregon for business recruitment (including international business recruitment), trade shows and national recruitment, and other support.

**Status:**

1/25/17 S - Assigned to Subcommittee On Capital Construction.

1/17/17 S - Referred to Ways and Means.

1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

## Public Works

<a href="#"><u>HB 2096</u></a>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Date Input</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	<b>Category</b>
<a href="#"><u>Bill Info</u></a>	Oppose	2	1/8/17	Pat Dodge	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Establishes procedure for negotiation of urban service agreement between city with population greater than 5,000 and certain districts.

**Relating To:** Relating to urban service agreements; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 195.065.

**Comments:** If a service district wants to amend an agreement with the City, and the City does not agree, District can require mediation and arbitration. Salem's agreements with districts contain termination and admendment procedures.

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**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2196](#)

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Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/8/17	Pat Dodge	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Requires contracting agency to base determination of contractor's responsibility for public improvement contract on contractor's demonstrating that contractor has provided health insurance to contractor's employees for period of two years before contractor submitted bid for public improvement contract. Specifies exemptions for certain bidders.

**Relating To:** Relating to public contracting; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 279C.375.

**Comments:** HB 2196 would prohibit issuing a public contract unless the bidder has provided employees health insurance for the last two years. Unfunded mandate and will increase the cost of projects.

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Business and Labor.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

## Community Development

[HB 2164](#)

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Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/8/17	Eunice Kim	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Requires municipalities administering and enforcing building inspection programs to provide electronic access to building code information and services. Makes requirement operative January 1, 2020.

**Relating To:** Relating to municipality use of electronic building code information systems; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 455.028, 455.095 and 455.097.

**Comments:** HB2164 would require the City to use the State's electronic building permitting system if the State did not approve the City's existing system. The State's system is not as comprehensive as the City's, and there is no guarantee that the State would approve the City's system. It would cost approximately \$1.7 to \$2.9 million to switch to the State's system and maintain our current level of functionality.

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Business and Labor.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2168](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/8/17	Eunice Kim	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Requires municipality or business employing person to perform state building code specialty code inspection to provide equipment required for performance of inspection. Requires municipality or business contracting for person to perform state building code specialty code inspection to ensure person possesses or has access to equipment required for performance of inspection. Provides that person performing specialty code inspection using contractor, subcontractor, material supplier or property owner equipment assumes risk of injury from use of equipment.

**Relating To:** Relating to equipment for performing specialty code inspections.

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**Comments:** HB2168 would require the City to provide inspectors with all equipment required for specialty code inspections, which would be a financial burden on the City. Currently, contractors provide such equipment (i.e., high lifts).

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Business and Labor.  
1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[SB 0114](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Support	2	1/11/17	Eunice Kim	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Repeals provision requiring city whose laws require petition proposing annexation of territory to be submitted to electors to annex territory without vote upon receipt of petition for annexation submitted by all owners of land in territory, provided territory is included within urban growth boundary of city or Metro, territory is, or will be, subject to acknowledged comprehensive plan of city, at least one lot or parcel in territory is contiguous to city limits, and proposal conforms to all other requirements of city's ordinances. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**Relating To:** Relating to boundary changes; repealing section 2, chapter 51, Oregon Laws 2016; and declaring an emergency.

**Comments:** SB114 would repeal the 2016 law (from SB497) that requires cities to annex properties if certain criteria are met, including if all property owners submitted a petition to do so. The City opposed SB497 in 2015 because it was contrary to the City Charter, which requires nearly all annexations to be approved by voters. SB114 would allow the City to reestablish its voter approval process in line with the City Charter.

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Environment and Natural Resources.  
1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

[SB 0258](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Support	2	1/11/17	Eunice Kim	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Repeals provision requiring city whose laws require petition proposing annexation of territory to be submitted to electors to annex territory without vote upon receipt of petition for annexation submitted by all owners of land in territory, provided territory is included within urban growth boundary of city or Metro, territory is, or will be, subject to acknowledged comprehensive plan of city, at least one lot or parcel in territory is contiguous to city limits, and proposal conforms to all other requirements of city's ordinances. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**Relating To:** Relating to boundary changes; repealing section 2, chapter 51, Oregon Laws 2016; and declaring an emergency.

**Comments:** This bill is the same as SB114. It would repeal the 2016 law (from SB497) that requires cities to annex properties without going to voters if certain criteria are met.

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Environment and Natural Resources.  
1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

[SB 0619](#)

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Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/9/17	Eunice Kim	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Modifies provisions related to inclusion of needed housing within urban growth boundaries.

**Relating To:** Relating to needed housing in urbanizable areas; amending ORS 197.295, 197.303, 197.522 and 197.830.

**Comments:** SB619 prohibits cities from imposing conditions of approval that reduce proposed densities that are consistent with land use regulations. This could restrict the City's ability to require street dedications or additional setbacks that effectively eliminate a potential lot. The prohibition could also apply to multifamily developments. It also requires LUBA to award attorney fees to a petitioner/intervenor if they prevail on an appeal "related" to needed housing.

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Environment and Natural Resources.

1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

<a href="#">SB 0620</a>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<a href="#">Bill Info</a>	Oppose	2	1/9/17	Eunice Kim	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Modifies process for determining need for buildable land to meet estimated need for housing.

**Relating To:** Relating to buildable land for housing; amending ORS 197.296.

**Comments:** SB620 prohibits cities from estimating a potential overall higher density in its housing needs analysis than the actual density built or housing mix that existed when the analysis was done. There is an exception for a 5 percent higher density estimate if a city implements measures to essentially meet its housing need. The Salem HNA does not appear to comply with the bill's density provisions. If the bill passes and is effective before the HNA is adopted, the City might have to recalculate its housing need, which would require additional cost and time.

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Environment and Natural Resources.

1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

## Human Resources

<a href="#">HB 2129</a>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<a href="#">Bill Info</a>	Oppose	1	1/8/17	Mina Hanssen	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Restricts limitation on award of noneconomic damages to claims in actions for wrongful death. Directs State Court Administrator to annually adjust limit on noneconomic damages, beginning in 2018. Specifies method by which administrator must make adjustment. Corrects inaccurate reference for definition. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**Relating To:** Relating to damages in actions for wrongful death; creating new provisions; amending ORS 30.298, 30.650, 31.360, 31.705, 31.710, 31.715, 124.100, 137.103 and 260.532; and declaring an emergency.

**Comments:** Would significantly increase damage awards in tort claims and undermine OTA. Could potentially significantly increase cost to City.

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Judiciary.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.



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<a href="#">HB 2181</a> <a href="#">Bill Info</a>	<b>Position</b> Oppose	<b>Priority</b> 2	<b>Date Input</b> 1/8/17	<b>Assigned To</b> Mina Hanssen	<b>Category</b> Committee 01.30.17
<b>Summary:</b>	Creates rebuttable presumption against employer if employer takes certain adverse actions against employee within 90 days of employee's protected, wage-related activity. Requires employer, after termination of employee, to provide to employee, within 10 days of employee's written request, reason for termination of employee. Makes violation subject to punitive damages and provides right to jury trial.				
<b>Relating To:</b>	Relating to the protection of employee rights in the workplace; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 652.355, 653.060 and 659A.885.				
<b>Comments:</b>	Would undermine at-will status during trial service and does not have a provision for employees covered by CBA.				
<b>Status:</b>					
1/17/17	H - Referred to Business and Labor.				
1/9/17	H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.				
<a href="#">HB 2187</a> <a href="#">Bill Info</a>	<b>Position</b> Oppose	<b>Priority</b> 1	<b>Date Input</b> 1/8/17	<b>Assigned To</b> Mina Hanssen	<b>Category</b> Committee 01.30.17
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires issue subject to collective bargaining during term of collective bargaining agreement that is not resolved through negotiation or mediation to be resolved through binding arbitration. Prohibits public employee from striking when issue subject to collective bargaining during term of collective bargaining agreement is subject to binding arbitration.				
<b>Relating To:</b>	Relating to matters subject to collective bargaining during the term of a collective bargaining agreement; amending ORS 243.698, 243.742 and 243.746.				
<b>Comments:</b>	HB 2187 would essentially make all public employees strike prohibited and require binding arbitration.				
<b>Status:</b>					
1/17/17	H - Referred to Business and Labor.				
1/9/17	H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.				
<a href="#">HB 2193</a> <a href="#">Bill Info</a>	<b>Position</b> Oppose	<b>Priority</b> 1	<b>Date Input</b> 1/8/17	<b>Assigned To</b> Mina Hanssen	<b>Category</b> Committee 01.30.17
<b>Summary:</b>	Requires employer to pay employee equivalent of at least four hours of work if employee is scheduled or called in to work but, due to employer, does not work entire shift. Prohibits employer from retaliating against employee who requests preferred work schedule. Requires large employers in specified industries to engage in interactive process toward resolution of schedule conflicts and to grant preferred schedule request to employee unless employer has bona fide business reason not to do so. Requires large employers in specified industries to provide new employee with estimated work schedule and to provide current employee with two weeks' notice of employee work schedule. Prohibits large employers in specified industries from scheduling work shifts that do not allow sufficient break time in between shifts unless employee earns 1.5 times scheduled rate of pay. Requires large employers in specified industries to pay penalty wage if employer changes scheduled shift with less than two weeks' notice. Requires large employers in specified industries to consider internal applicant before hiring outside applicant. Requires all employers to maintain records relating to compliance for three years. Makes unlawful employment practice for all employers to interfere with employee rights or retaliate against employee for exercising rights granted to employee under Act. Allows for administrative or civil cause of action and escalating statutory penalties for each violation.				



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**Relating To:** Relating to employee work schedules; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 659A.885.

**Comments:** HB 2193 would result in an overly burdensome approach engaging in "interactive process" over employee scheduling with no allowance for employees covered by CBA.

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Business and Labor.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2425](#)  
[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/8/17	Mina Hanssen	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Prohibits public employer from agreeing to pay or provide retirement benefit to member of Public Employees Retirement System other than payments required or provided for in statutes governing retirement benefits of members of system. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**Relating To:** Relating to public employee retirement; creating new provisions; amending ORS 238.229 and 238A.340; and declaring an emergency.

**Comments:** As currently written, HB 2425 appears to restrict ability to contribute to 457 by the public entity.

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Business and Labor.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[SB 0295](#)  
[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/11/17	Mina Hanssen	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Specifies when employer's notice of anticipated changes to collective bargaining agreement that impose duty to bargain may be given to exclusive representative of employees and when mediator must be assigned by Employment Relations Board to meet with parties.

**Relating To:** Relating to notice period for anticipated changes to collective bargaining agreement that impose duty to bargain; amending ORS 240.610, 243.698, 243.742 and 243.746.

**Comments:** Would significantly notice time line the employer must give the union before making changes to a contract issue creating extended delays

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Workforce.

1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

[SB 0301](#)  
[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/11/17	Mina Hanssen	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Provides that conditioning employment on refraining from using any substance that is lawful to use in this state is unlawful employment practice. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**Relating To:** Relating to unlawful employment practices; amending ORS 659A.315; and declaring an emergency.

**Comments:** Would prevent the City from conditioning employment for using marijuana. As a receiver of federal funds the City must meet federal drug free workplace requirements including marijuana additionally no exclusion for CDL as required by federal DOT

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Judiciary.

1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

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[SB 0487](#)  
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Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	1	1/9/17	Mina Hanssen	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Restricts limitation on award of noneconomic damages to claims in actions for wrongful death. Directs State Court Administrator to annually adjust limit on noneconomic damages, beginning in 2018. Specifies method by which administrator must make adjustment. Corrects inaccurate reference for definition. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**Relating To:** Relating to damages in actions for wrongful death; creating new provisions; amending ORS 30.298, 30.650, 31.360, 31.705, 31.710, 31.715, 124.100, 137.103 and 260.532; and declaring an emergency.

**Comments:** Would significantly increase cost of tort claims, litigation and insurance for the City. Further erodes the OTA

**Status:**  
1/17/17 S - Referred to Judiciary.  
1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

## Legal

[HB 2101](#)  
[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/8/17	Marc Weinstein	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Sunsets certain exemptions from disclosure for public records. Requires Legislative Assembly to review exemptions prior to sunset. Requires future exemptions to sunset within six years of date of enactment.

**Relating To:** Relating to public records; creating new provisions; and repealing ORS 25.792, 36.220, 36.230, 40.225, 40.230, 40.235, 40.240, 40.245, 40.250, 40.255, 40.260, 40.262, 40.264, 40.265, 40.270, 40.272, 40.273, 40.275, 173.230, 173.455, 173.855, 181A.220, 181A.670, 181A.825, 181A.830, 192.445, 192.447, 192.448, 192.501, 192.502, 192.517, 192.537, 192.539, 192.586, 192.844, 247.965, 285C.620, 286A.190, 350.280, 383.025, 409.225, 409.230, 410.510, 411.320, 411.335, 418.642, 418.794, 418.795, 419A.100, 419A.255, 419A.257, 419B.035, 426.160, 426.370, 430.763, 431A.100, 431A.865, 432.250, 432.350, 432.360, 432.530, 433.008, 441.407, 441.671, 442.745, 444.330, 465.300, 466.090, 466.800, 469.090, 520.097, 633.364, 646.836, 646A.164, 657.665, 659A.218, 660.339, 675.075, 675.580, 675.765, 676.175, 676.177, 677.425, 679.320, 685.115, 687.490, 701.246, 703.473, 705.137, 731.264, 731.750, 731.752, 731.761, 777.793, 777.795, 802.177, 802.181 and 802.195.

**Comments:** HB 2101 is contradictory to Council's legislative policy statements, which encompass the City's position with respect to Public Records Law legislation.

**Status:**  
1/17/17 H - Referred to Rules.  
1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2204](#)  
[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Support	2	1/8/17	Marc Weinstein	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Changes statutory limitation on local government's authority to impose local tax or fee on retail sale of marijuana items. Specifies that if electors of city or county approve ordinance imposing tax or fee, governing body of city or county may amend ordinance, without referring amendment to electors, to adjust rate of tax or fee.

**Relating To:** Relating to cannabis; amending ORS 475B.345.

**Comments:** Allows for local control and decision making over local marijuana taxes and fees up to eight percent of the sale price.

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1/17/17 H - Referred to Revenue.  
1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

<a href="#"><u>HB 2483</u></a>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Date Input</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	<b>Category</b>
<a href="#"><u>Bill Info</u></a>	Support	2	1/8/17	Marc Weinstein	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Extends recreational immunity to employees and agents of owner of land when acting within scope of duties. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**Relating To:** Relating to recreational immunity; amending ORS 105.672; and declaring an emergency.

**Comments:** HB 2483 reflects Legislative Committee's prior statements on supporting legislation designed to restore recreational immunity to employees and agents of public bodies.

**Status:**

1/17/17 H - Referred to Judiciary.  
1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

<a href="#"><u>SB 0327</u></a>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Date Input</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	<b>Category</b>
<a href="#"><u>Bill Info</u></a>	Support	2	1/11/17	Marc Weinstein	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Provides recreational immunity to owner of land. Extends recreational immunity to employees and agents of owner of land when acting within scope of duties and those with private property interests in land. Eliminates duty of care to maintain land for entry or use by others for certain purposes. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**Relating To:** Relating to recreational immunity from claims of persons entering land for certain purposes; amending ORS 105.672 and 105.682; and declaring an emergency.

**Comments:** SB 327 reflects Legislative Committee's prior statements on supporting legislation designed to restore recreational immunity to employees and agents of public bodies.

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Judiciary.  
1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

<a href="#"><u>SB 0451</u></a>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Date Input</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	<b>Category</b>
<a href="#"><u>Bill Info</u></a>	Oppose	2	1/9/17	Marc Weinstein	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Sunsets certain exemptions from disclosure for public records. Requires Legislative Assembly to review exemptions prior to sunset. Requires future exemptions to sunset within eight years of date of enactment.

**Relating To:** Relating to public records; creating new provisions; and repealing ORS 25.792, 36.220, 36.230, 40.225, 40.230, 40.235, 40.240, 40.245, 40.250, 40.255, 40.260, 40.262, 40.264, 40.265, 40.270, 40.272, 40.273, 40.275, 173.230, 173.455, 173.855, 181A.220, 181A.670, 181A.825, 181A.830, 192.445, 192.447, 192.448, 192.501, 192.502, 192.517, 192.537, 192.539, 192.586, 192.844, 247.965, 285C.620, 286A.190, 350.280, 383.025, 409.225, 409.230, 410.510, 411.320, 411.335, 418.642, 418.794, 418.795, 419A.100, 419A.255, 419A.257, 419B.035, 426.160, 426.370, 430.763, 431A.100, 431A.865, 432.250, 432.350, 432.360, 432.530, 433.008, 441.407, 441.671, 442.745, 444.330, 465.300, 466.090, 466.800, 469.090, 520.097, 633.364, 646.836, 646A.164, 657.665, 659A.218, 660.339, 675.075, 675.580, 675.765, 676.175, 676.177, 677.425, 679.320, 685.115, 687.490, 701.246, 703.473, 705.137, 731.264, 731.750, 731.752, 731.761, 777.793, 777.795, 802.177, 802.181 and 802.195.

**Comments:** Council's legislative policy statements encompass the City's position with respect to Public Records Law legislation.

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to General Government and Accountability.  
1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

**[SB 0504](#)**

**[Bill Info](#)**

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/9/17	Marc Weinstein	Committee 01.30.17

**Summary:** Eliminates limitation of liability for owner of land used for trail or recreational purposes when owner is public body.

**Relating To:** Relating to immunity of public bodies; creating new provisions; amending ORS 105.668, 105.672, 105.682 and 105.688; and repealing ORS 105.699.

**Comments:** SB 504 is contrary to Legislative Committee's prior statements on supporting legislation designed to restore recreational immunity to employees and agents of public bodies.

**Status:**

1/17/17 S - Referred to Judiciary.  
1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.