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Bill Name	Position	Priority
HB 2001 INTRO	Oppose unless amended	1
<p>Relating to housing; declaring an emergency.</p> <p>Requires cities with population greater than 10,000 and counties with population greater than 15,000 to allow middle housing in lands zoned for single-family dwellings within urban growth boundary.</p> <p>1/18/2019 - HB 2001 would preempt local authority by requiring the City to allow at least a duplex (or a triplex, quadplex, or cottage clusters) in a few zones such as the single-family residential (RS) zone by Dec. 31, 2020. The RS zone already allows duplexes on corner lots that are at least 7,000 square feet, but the bill seems to require the City to allow them on all lots in the RS zone (subject to siting and design regulations). Exploring the allowance of duplexes and triplexes is on the Housing Needs Analysis Work Plan that Council directed staff to implement. HB 2001 would also prohibit the City from collecting system development charges prior to issuing an occupancy permit for all duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, and cottage clusters.</p> <p>1/15/2019 - Bill specific to land use/zoning/ugb.</p>		
HB 2174 INTRO	Oppose	1
<p>Relating to urban renewal; prescribing an effective date.</p> <p>For urban renewal plan proposed on or after July 1, 2019, that includes public building project, requires concurrence of at least three of four taxing districts estimated to forgo most property tax revenue under proposed plan.</p> <p>1/15/2019 - HB 2174 - Amendments to URA: Concurrence required for public building projects, allow 60 days for taxing district to respond to proposed substantial changes or establishment, additional small modifications to processes.</p>		
HB 2239 INTRO	Support	2
<p>Relating to the establishment of circuit court judge positions; prescribing an effective date.</p> <p>Increases number of circuit court judges in certain judicial districts.</p> <p>1/22/2019 - HB 2239 would add an additional judge to the third judicial district of Marion; no additional judges are proposed to be added to the twelfth judicial district of Polk County. An additional Circuit Court judge in Marion County would benefit Salem by adding capacity for additional civil and criminal trials.</p>		
HB 2306 INTRO	Oppose	1
<p>Relating to residential subdivisions.</p> <p>Requires city or county to issue residential building permits upon substantial completion of construction of public improvements in residential subdivisions.</p> <p>1/23/2019 - HB 2306 would preempt the City's ability to determine when building permits are issued after subdivisions are platted but before all public improvements are completed. Currently, the City requires all improvements to first be substantially completed, considering health, safety, and access issues. The bill would require the City to issue permits if 80 percent of required public improvements are completed (regardless of location, type of improvement, etc.) and a bond is secured for all remaining improvements.</p>		
HB 2322 INTRO	Watch	2
<p>Relating to the adoption of energy policies into statewide land use planning goals.</p> <p>Requires Land Conservation and Development Commission to amend statewide land use planning goals related to energy to incorporate development of renewable energy facilities and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and to match state energy policies.</p> <p>1/23/2019 - HB 2322 could have a significant impact on the City, as the City's Comprehensive Plan and zoning code must be consistent with statewide land use goals. However, the City has an objective in the 2017 Strategic Plan to "develop a Climate Action Plan that prioritizes reductions of greenhouse gas emissions..." so the bill's intent is somewhat aligned with the City's goals.</p>		

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HB 2339 INTRO	Support	1
<p>Relating to sobering facilities; declaring an emergency.</p> <p>Requires Oregon Health Authority to administer program to provide matching grants to registered sobering facilities.</p> <p>1/22/2019 - HB 2339 provides for a matching grants for sobering facilities based on a formula (community need, availability of funding from other sources). It is unclear whether the proposed funds would support operating needs of capital construction. Regardless, more sobering facilities in local communities throughout the State of Oregon would help reduce demand for the facility planned in Salem.</p>		
HB 2643 INTRO	Oppose	1
<p>Relating to assessments on public employers that have employees who may choose to join labor organizations; declaring an emergency.</p> <p>Provides that membership in public sector labor organization is voluntary.</p> <p>1/15/2019 - This appears to take away dues payment and make payments to support the unions an employer responsibility/cost. The additional cost could be significant.</p>		
SB 27 INTRO	Oppose	1
<p>Relating to Oregon Drinking Water Quality Act fees.</p> <p>Authorizes Oregon Health Authority to adopt by rule schedule for fees assessed on water suppliers to partially defray costs of authority related to performance of duties under Oregon Drinking Water Quality Act.</p> <p>1/23/2019 - SB 27 authorizes the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adopt rules to assess fees on water providers. One of our interim priorities is to support increased funding for the Drinking Water Program. However, the State should fully fund their share of this important public health program and not shift the burden to water providers. Two thirds of the program is federally funded (from the Environmental Protection Agency). State General Fund support for this program has been flat and supplemented with medical marijuana fees. As those fees have all but disappeared, the Drinking Water Program is looking to raise revenues by assessing a new fee on water providers.</p> <p>Water providers are willing to pay more into the program but feel that the State also has a role and responsibility in addressing the problem. As currently proposed, the bill sets up the possibility of the State being able to reduce its overall commitment to the program by removing General Funds and shifting the cost burden of the program on local entities more and more over time. The current proposal by OHA has no accountability measures nor is there any overall agreement on what percentage of the budget should be borne by the local water providers. OHA has not described what new or increased services the payers of the fee will receive, which one could argue that the payers of the fee will see no additional services as a result of paying the fee thereby raising the question of whether this "fee" is in fact a tax requiring the measure to start in the House and requiring a 3/5th majority.</p>		
SB 313 INTRO	Oppose	1
<p>Relating to urban renewal; prescribing an effective date.</p> <p>For urban renewal plan proposed on or after July 1, 2019, that includes public building project, requires concurrence of at least three of four taxing districts estimated to forgo most property tax revenue under proposed plan.</p> <p>1/15/2019 - SB 313 - Amendments to URA: Concurrence required for public building projects, allow 60 days for taxing district to respond to proposed substantial changes or establishment, additional small modifications to processes. Same as HB 2174</p>		
SB 463 INTRO	Oppose	1
<p>Relating to motor vehicle parking.</p> <p>Authorizes Legislative Administration Committee to enter into agreement with City of Salem to assign authority over certain parking spaces.</p> <p>1/23/2019 - SB463: This Capitol Mall on-street parking bill is one which we oppose for the following reasons: (1) within the bill</p>		

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there is no mention of the acquired spaces being purchased at the daily fee set by Salem City Council, the language implies it would be free parking. Losing the parking revenue during the legislative session would have a negative impact to parking revenues which go to the City's General Fund. (2) The methods of enforcement outlined in the bill are inconsistent with current on-street enforcement which could create confusion to parkers. (3) On-street parking is designated as public parking, this bill would go against the policy of providing public parking in a way which is equitable and fair to all users as it would favor one type of user.

SB 529 INTRO	Oppose	1
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Relating to housing-limited cities.

Defines "housing-limited city." Allows housing-limited city to support housing construction and increased density by temporarily suspending or exempting properties from certain planning and zoning ordinances and by allowing expansion of its urban growth boundary without review by Land Conservation and Development Commission.

1/23/2019 - SB 529 would allow the City, if it had a low vacancy rate and decreasing diversity, to temporarily suspend its own zoning regulations, approve any zone change, and more easily expand the urban growth boundary (UGB) to provide more housing. The UGB could be expanded by up to 200 acres or 2 percent of the UGB's area. Salem's Housing Needs Analysis, combined with Salem's Economic Opportunities Analysis, has determined that the City does not need to expand the UGB to meet our housing needs.

1/15/2019 - SB 529: Defines "housing-limited city". Allows housing-limited city to support housing construction and increased density by temporarily suspending or exempting properties from certain planning and zoning ordinances and by allowing expansion of its urban growth boundary without review by Land Conversation and Development Commission.

SB 534 INTRO	Oppose	1
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Relating to single-family dwellings in residential areas.

Requires city to allow single-family dwellings in residential lots platted and zoned for such uses.

1/23/2019 - SB 534 would preempt local authority. It would only let the City prohibit single-family homes to be built on a lot zoned for such homes under certain circumstances, including if it was not adequately served by utilities. The bill would prohibit the City from requiring higher density housing, for example, on larger properties intended for multifamily housing in the Multiple Family 1 zone. Salem's Housing Needs Analysis has determined that the City has a need for more multifamily housing over the next 20 years.

1/15/2019 - SB 534: Requires city to allow single-family dwellings in residential lots platted and zoned for such uses.

SB 560 INTRO	Support	1
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Relating to photo radar.

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

1/22/2019 - Would authorize the City of Salem the option of operating photo radar in areas of the city where there are a high number of traffic crashes and traffic complaints.

SB 569 INTRO	Oppose	1
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Relating to urban growth boundary expansion to address low vacancy rates; declaring an emergency.

Allows certain local governments to include within urban growth boundary lands for needed housing.

1/23/2019 - SB 569 would allow the City, if it met certain thresholds for vacancy and new households, to more easily expand the urban growth boundary to provide housing. All land owners to be included in the expansion would have to agree to the expansion. Salem's Housing Needs Analysis, combined with Salem's Economic Opportunities Analysis, has determined that the City does not need to expand the UGB to meet our housing needs.

1/15/2019 - SB 569 allows certain local governments to include within urban growth boundary lands for needed housing. Requires consent of city and affected properties.

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SB 570 INTRO	Oppose	1

Authorizes local government to waive requirements of land use planning goals to establish and maintain five-year supply of employment lands.

1/23/2019 - SB 570 would make it easier for the City to establish and maintain a five-year supply of employment land for industrial/commercial uses. The City, for example, could more easily expand the urban growth boundary for industrial or commercial land. The current Economic Opportunity Analyses (EOA) has determined that Salem has a 20-year supply of industrial land but a projected deficit of commercial land. This bill is similar to SB 614 in 2017.

SB 612 INTRO	Oppose	1
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Relating to water quality.

Requires Department of Environmental Quality to enforce three basin rule equitably.

1/23/2019 - SB 612 is an attempt to soften the Environmental Quality Commission's (EQC) stance on the 3 Basin Rule. The North Santiam Canyon sewer project is looking to petition the EQC for a waiver of the 3 Basin rule, allowing for direct discharge into the North Santiam River and to substantially reduce project costs (20%). Stakeholders in the Canyon argue that keeping the North Santiam pristine by restricting direct discharges unfairly burdens the communities upstream. The sponsor, Sen. Girod, is an advocate for the project and represents the Canyon communities. SB 612 looks to direct the EQC to treat the small canyon communities the same as they would Salem, which would essentially put Salem on equal footing in any attempt to modify or grant a waiver to the 3 Basin Rule.

SB 621 INTRO	Oppose	1
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Relating to vacation rentals.

Prohibits local governments from restricting use of lawful dwellings for vacation occupancy.

1/23/2019 - SB 621 would preempt local authority by prohibiting the City from enforcing its regulations of short-term rentals in Salem.