

Council Committee

Report Date: February 26, 2019

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Bill Name	Position	Priority
HB 2359 INTRO	Oppose	1
<p>Relating to county property tax administration; prescribing an effective date.</p> <p>Requires county at higher risk of financial distress to withhold from taxing districts costs to county of assessing property and collecting property taxes.</p> <p>2/26/2019 - HB 2359 authorizes counties in financial distress to withhold taxes from taxing districts, including municipalities. The latest County Financial Condition Report (2016) included Polk County on the list of counties to monitor.</p>		
HB 2414 INTRO	Oppose	1
<p>Relating to projects that constitute public works projects; prescribing an effective date.</p> <p>Adds to definition of "public works" project to build or repair ship that public agency owns or for which using funds of public agency serves public interest, maintenance of building that public agency owns or occupies and fabricating or manufacturing custom item under contract and specifically for use in public works.</p> <p>1/30/2019 - Purpose: Expands prevailing wage requirements to include maintenance for buildings that a public agency owns or occupies. The bill also expands prevailing wage rate requirements to the fabricating or manufacturing of custom items to be used on public works projects.</p> <p>Potential Impacts: The term "maintenance" is not defined in the bill. Depending on how it is interpreted, the bill could significantly escalate costs on relatively small "maintenance" projects on City buildings and facilities.</p>		
SB 652 INTRO	Oppose	1
<p>Relating to transportation.</p> <p>Modifies laws related to transportation projects.</p> <p>2/22/2019 - SB 652 prohibits the Oregon Transportation Commission from considering the Center Street Bridge seismic retrofit (Highway 22) in the City of Salem until all other priority transportation projects have been funded.</p>		
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HB 2208 INTRO	Support	2
<p>Relating to seismic improvements to buildings; prescribing an effective date.</p> <p>Establishes Oregon Business Development Department program to issue grants for improving seismic safety, stability and resiliency of qualifying unreinforced masonry and unreinforced concrete buildings.</p> <p>2/1/2019 - HB 2208: Establishment of a statewide program which would be administered by Business Oregon to provide grant funding for seismic upgrades to buildings which meet set criteria. Bill Review - Sara Long</p>		
HB 2449 INTRO	Support	2
<p>Relating to tax for emergency communications; providing for revenue raising that requires approval by a three-fifths majority.</p> <p>Increases rate of tax for emergency communications.</p> <p>2/26/2019 - HB 2449 increases 9-1-1 tax for \$0.75 to \$1.50. Under this proposal, Salem could see an additional \$200,000 in revenue to cover more of the cost for 9-1-1 services. Current receipts cover approximately 18% of Salem's cost. Increasing cost recovery through the 9-1-1 tax increase is supported by Salem, with amendments to insure Salem receives its fair share. As introduced, there is a provision in HB 2449 to increase the distribution of tax receipts to counties with less than 40,000 in population. This provision would reduce Salem's share of the 9-1-1 tax increase, and continue to limit Salem's ability to recover cost of 9-1-1 service.</p>		

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HB 2614 INTRO	Oppose	2
Relating to driving privileges; prescribing an effective date. Repeals driving privilege suspension and eliminates imposition of driving privilege restrictions for failure to pay fine. 2/16/2019 - Would eliminate the Salem Municipal Court's ability to suspend or restrict driving privileges for failure to pay a fine imposed on a traffic offense, or comply with any condition upon which suspension of payment of the fine, in whole or part, was conditioned. Suspension for failure to comply is a vital tool to Courts to ensure that there is fair and meaningful enforcement of traffic laws passed by the legislature, and to bring people back into compliance with the Court's orders. The Bill will reduce compliance tools and options for the Court, and will have a substantial financial impact on the Court.		
SB 595 INTRO	Support	2
Relating to local transient lodging taxes; prescribing an effective date. Adjusts allocation percentages of net revenue from new or increased local transient lodging tax to allow up to 30 percent of such revenue to be used to fund affordable workforce housing. 2/12/2019 - SB 595 would allow additional flexibility for up to 30% of Transient Occupancy Tax to be used to fund affordable workforce housing .		
SB 776 INTRO	Oppose	2
Relating to driving privileges. Eliminates driving suspension for failure to appear on citation for traffic offense. 2/16/2019 - Would eliminate the Salem Municipal Court's ability to suspend or restrict driving privileges for failure to pay a fine imposed on a traffic offense, or comply with any condition upon which suspension of payment of the fine, in whole or part, was conditioned, as well as for failure to appear on the case. Suspension for failure to comply or failure to appear is a vital tool to Courts to ensure that there is fair and meaningful enforcement of traffic laws passed by the legislature, and to bring people back into compliance with the Court's orders. The Bill will reduce compliance tools and options for the Court, and will have a substantial financial impact on the Court.		