



# Budget and Legislative Update

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# Overview

- November 2025 legislative days
- 2026 legislative session
- Legislative and budget development overview
- 2027 session preparation

# November 2025 Legislative Days

- Lower than predicted revenue shortfalls and cuts to federal funding
- Agencies directed to provide 5% reductions options list for 2025-27 budget for consideration during 2026 session (Att. 1)
- OWRD targets
  - GF: \$5,048,363
  - OF: \$1,093,586

# General Approach

- Top priority is delivering services to Oregonians
- Reducing spending on:
  - Services and supplies
  - Discretionary funds
  - Direct appropriations for water projects

# 2026 Legislative Session

- February 2 – March 9, 2026
- Bill limitations
- Budget adjustments and policy bills

# 2027 Budget and Legislative Development

- Long legislative sessions in odd years
  - Mid-January to end of June
  - Biennial agency budgets
  - Larger policy bills
  - Key Performance Measures
- Development schedule and instructions provided by Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and Governor's Office (GO)

# Legislative Concept (LC) Development

**January-April  
2026**

Agencies  
develop LCs

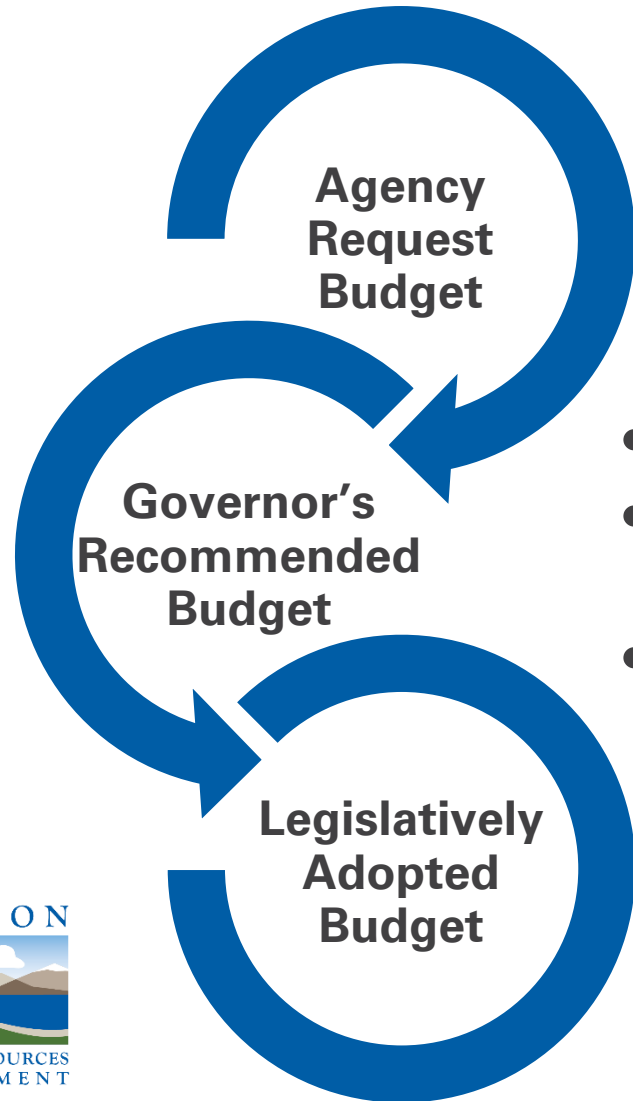
**May 2026**  
DAS submits  
LCs for  
drafting

**December  
2026**  
Pre-session  
bills filed

**April 2026**  
LCs due to  
DAS

**October 2026**  
Drafting  
completed

# Budget Development



- Developed early 2026
- ARB submitted and published July 2026

- GO and DAS review ARB
- Use Governor's priorities, budget policies and current laws to make GRB
- GRB published December 2026

- Legislative committees review GRB and hold public meeting
- Legislature determines and votes on final budget
- Emergency board, special sessions



# Legislative Concept Criteria

- Strategic Plan and Integrated Water Resources Strategy milestones
- Statutory sunset dates or results of court findings
- Technical issues within a program

# Wrap Up

- Have not yet received 2027-2029 ARB budget instructions
- 2027 session engagement with interested parties and tribes in 2026
- Will report back on any budget adjustments resulting from 2026 short session

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# Thank you!

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