



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**

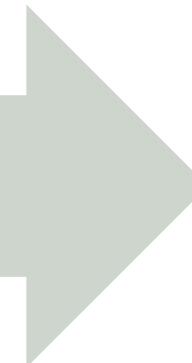
Agencies
develop LCs



May 2026
DAS submits
LCs for
drafting



**December
2026**
Pre-session
bills filed



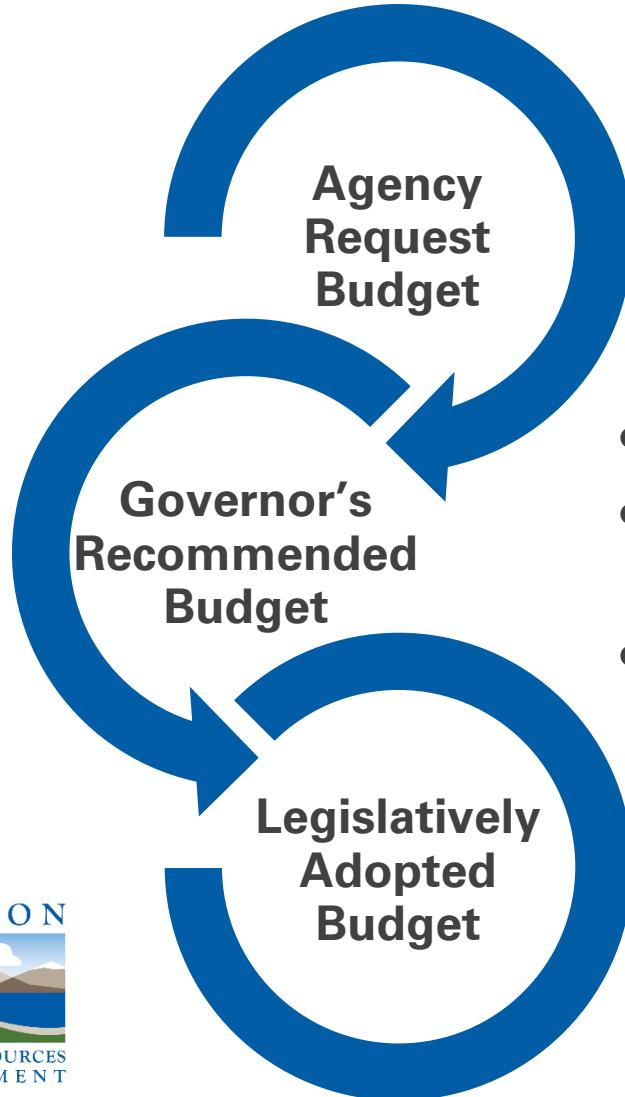
April 2026

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



Thank you!

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