



# Budget and Legislative Update

February 26, 2026



**Bryn Hudson, Legislative Coordinator**

**Lisa Snyder, Administrative Services Division Administrator**

# Overview

- 2026 legislative session
- Legislative and budget development overview
- 2027 session preparation

# 2026 Legislative Session

- February 2 – March 8, 2026
- Bill limitations: ~300 introduced; tracking ~100
- Budget adjustments and policy bills
- February 26: bills must clear 2<sup>nd</sup> chamber policy committee to remain active
  - does not apply to revenue, rules, ways and means committees

# 2026 Policy Topics- Att. 1

- House Bill 4004
  - Dam safety “principal assistant” technical fix
  - HB 3342 (2025) technical fix
  - Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program authority expansion
  - Permit extensions
- House Bill 4049: Harney Voluntary Agreements
- Senate Bill 1585: Reduced grant match for small municipalities
- House Bill 4084: Permitting efficiency for economic development projects

# 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 29, 2026**  
DAS submits  
LCs for  
drafting

**December 11,  
2026**  
Pre-session  
bills filed

**April 10, 2026**  
LCs due to  
DAS

**October 23,  
2026**  
Drafting  
completed



# Legislative Concepts

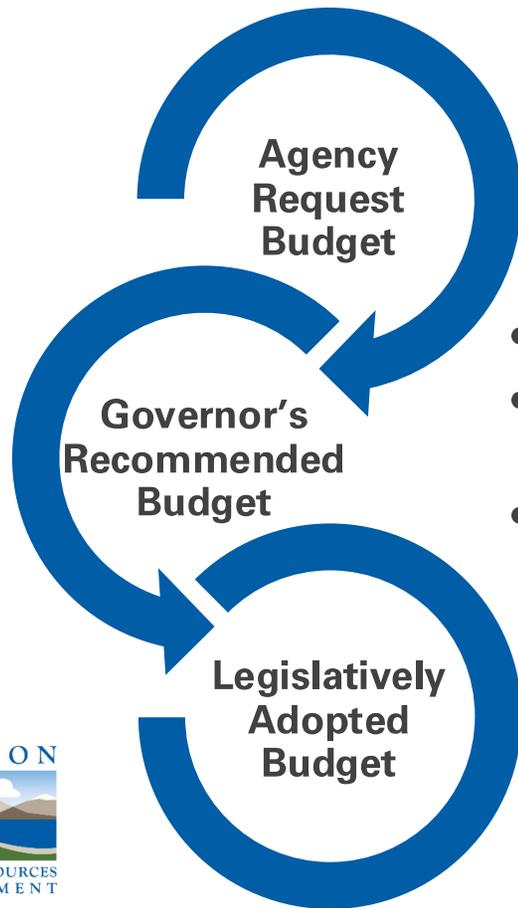
## Criteria

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

## Potential areas of focus

- Deschutes mitigation program and flexibilities, Harney CREP, spending authorities, water data

# Budget Development



- Developed early 2026
- Agency Request Budget (ARB) submitted and published July 2026

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

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

# Agency Request Budget Development

**January-April  
2026**

Agencies  
develop  
POPs

**May 29, 2026**

POPs  
approved by  
DAS

**December 1,  
2026**

GRB released

**April 17, 2026**

POPs due to  
DAS

**End of July  
2026**

ARB due to  
DAS



# Policy Option Packages

## Governor's Criteria

- Economic development
- Implementation of recent Executive Orders
- Improving customer service and program efficiencies
- Protecting Oregon values
- Core programs and services
- **Revenue neutral**

## Potential areas of Focus

- Information technology, Executive Order 25-26 implementation, legal expenses, and 2026 reduction restoration

# Wrap Up

- 2027 session engagement with interested parties and Tribes in spring 2026
- Legislative and budget areas of focus may change based on conversations with the Commission, Governor's Office, and interested parties

OREGON



WATER RESOURCES  
DEPARTMENT

# Thank you!

**Bryn Hudson** | [bryn.hudson@water.oregon.gov](mailto:bryn.hudson@water.oregon.gov)

**Lisa Snyder** | [lisa.j.snyder@water.oregon.gov](mailto:lisa.j.snyder@water.oregon.gov)

 [Oregon.gov/owrd](http://Oregon.gov/owrd)

 [@OregonGovWRD](https://www.youtube.com/@OregonGovWRD)

 [Linkedin.com/company/owrd](https://www.linkedin.com/company/owrd)