



GO! LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

The session is not over until the legislature passes a budget for 2011-2013 and adjourns sine die later this month, but *the end is in sight!*

We passed another key legislative deadline last week as policy committees shut down on June 1st. Any bills that did not have a work session and pass out of those committees by June 1st died in committee.

The Ways and Means, Rules, Revenue and Redistricting Committees will continue operating until the end of the session, and we are still tracking many bills that ended up in those committees. Negotiations are happening behind the scenes and hearings are scheduled on short notice, and we are making every effort to stay informed as things happen.

Watch for continued advocacy alerts in the coming weeks . . .

BUDGET

The Human Services Subcommittee of the Joint Ways & Means Committee released its 2011-2013 budget numbers for DHS at a work session held on May 31st.

Review the [Legislative Fiscal Office Memo on HB 5030/DHS Budget Recommendations](#)

Thanks to a slight improvement in the May revenue forecast, additional revenues were directed toward restoration of some human services programs, including several critical DD programs and services that were previously targeted for severe budget cuts or elimination.

Among the restorations or add backs are the following:

- The Alternatives to Employment (ATE) program and related transportation services are funded to continue at 90% of the 2009-11 level with an added budget note.
- Targeted Case Management services in Community Developmental Disability Programs and brokerages continue at about 20% less than previous funding levels.
- Support services for 18 to 21-year-olds in the brokerage system are continued.

- Family Support Program services are funded at just over half of the previous level of funding.
- Additional funding to create a Family-to-Family network to help support families of children with disabilities was approved.
- Half the dollars in the Fairview Trust are to be taken in the second year of the biennium if the revenue does not improve and additional funding is needed.

This proposed budget (HB 5030) is scheduled for a work session to be held on **Wednesday, June 8th at 4:30 PM in Hearing Room F**. Upon approval from the Ways and Means Committee, the budget will head to both floors for a vote.

UPDATE ON KEY LEGISLATION

HB 2600A (Staley Agreement), the bill that puts Adult Support Services into statute, reached a key milestone earlier this week as it passed out of the Human Services Subcommittee to the full Ways and Means Committee. This bill has also been scheduled for a work session to be held on **Wednesday, June 8th at 4:30 PM in Hearing Room F**. After it passes out of the full committee, it will head to both floors for a vote.

NEW! HB 2012 restores some funding for DD Services! This bill paves the way for DD service providers to contribute funds through a modest 1% provider tax in order to access additional federal match dollars. Through this strategy, providers and Oregon's DD service system would have more money to work with. ***The DD Coalition is urging support of this bill!***

You can use the link below to send an email to your Senator or Representative encouraging him or her to support HB 2012. With only a few weeks remaining in the session, we need to act quickly to garner enough support for this bill to move forward! www.leg.state.or.us/writelegsltr/

Reference the [DD Coalition Bill Watch List](#) to see which bills the DD Coalition is monitoring.

To track the progress of these bills or any others, you can check on the Legislative website at www.leg.state.or.us.

The Oregonian also provides an easy-to-use bill tracking feature on its Oregonlive.com web site at <http://gov.oregonlive.com>.

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