

Columbia Grange 267 Legislative Committee
2024 Legislative Session
Bills to Support, Oppose or Watch

Position	Bill #	Title	Summary/Digest
SUPPORT	SB 1511	Relating to wildfire risk reduction; declaring an emergency.	The Act directs the State Fire Marshal to create a grant program to help property owners with wildfire resilience. The Act creates a fund related to the grant program. The Act directs the State Fire Marshal to report on the grant program. The Act directs agencies to plan for a program for certifying reduced wildfire risk for insurance purposes. The Act gives moneys to the State Fire Marshal for the grant program. The Act goes into effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.9). Directs the State Fire Marshal to establish a neighborhood protection cooperative grant program. Establishes the Neighborhood Protection Cooperative Grant Program Fund. Directs the Department of the State Fire Marshal to include status reports on the program in certain biannual reports. Directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the Department of the State Fire Marshal and the State Forestry Department to develop a plan and implementation timeline for establishing an insurance-related risk reduction certification program and report on the program on or before December 1, 2024. Appropriates moneys to the State Fire Marshal, out of the General Fund, for implementing the neighborhood protection cooperative grant program. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.
OPPOSE	SB 1537	Relating to housing; prescribing an effective date.	The Act establishes HAPO to support and enforce housing laws; lets home builders use updated local rules; awards additional lawyer fees for housing appeals; gives grants and loans to encourage home building; creates a fund for grants to developers of affordable housing; makes cities approve changes to housing rules; makes cities expedite applications to build housing; lets cities change their growth boundaries; and gives money to DLCD, BO and OHCS for this Act. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.0). Requires the Department of Land Conservation and Development and the Department of Consumer and Business Services to jointly establish and administer the Housing Accountability and Production Office. Requires the office to assist local governments and housing developers with housing laws. Authorizes the office to take certain actions to enforce housing laws. Becomes operative on July 1, 2025. Allows a housing developer with a pending application to opt in to amended local land use regulations. Expands eligibility for attorney fees for the appeal of a residential development proposal to include local governments and all needed housing. Establishes grant and loan programs within the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority, Oregon Business Development Department and Housing and Community Services Department to support housing development. Authorizes cities and counties to adopt a program for awarding grants to developers of affordable housing and moderate income housing projects to finance certain costs associated with such housing projects. Directs the Housing and Community Services Department to develop a revolving loan program to make interest-free

			loans to participating cities and counties to fund the grants. Imposes an annual fee on each grantee developer in repayment of the loans. Provides for the distribution of the fee moneys first to fire districts for ad valorem property taxes and then to the department in repayment of the loan that funded the grant awarded to the developer. Requires local governments to approve certain adjustments to land use regulations for housing development within an urban growth boundary. Establishes alternate appellate procedures for the adjustments. Establishes an exemption process. Requires reporting to the Department of Land Conservation and Development on the use of adjustments. Requires the department to report biennially to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly. Sunsets on January 2, 2032. Requires local governments to process certain applications relating to housing development as limited land use decisions. Sunsets on January 2, 2032. Develops alternative processes to amend urban growth boundaries to include up to 150 net residential acres per city. Provides for limitations and review by counties, Metro and the Department of Land Conservation and Development and the courts. Sunsets on January 2, 2033. Appropriates moneys to the Oregon Business Development Department, Housing and Community Services Department and Department of Land Conservation and Development for purposes of the Act. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.
SUPPORT	SB 1559	Relating to climate change; declaring an emergency.	This Act changes the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. The Act changes the term "global warming" to "climate change" in some laws. The Act declares an emergency and takes effect when it passes. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.4). Modifies state greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. Replaces the term "global warming" with "climate change" in provisions related to the Oregon Climate Action Commission. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.
SUPPORT	SB 1561	Relating to the administration of moneys received from the Monsanto settlement; declaring an emergency.	This Act creates a council and funds to distribute and invest money from a legal settlement. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.6). Establishes the Environmental Restoration Council. Directs the council to establish programs to distribute moneys from the Monsanto settlement. Establishes the Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund. Establishes the State Agency Program Fund. Establishes the Disproportionately Impacted Community Fund. Establishes the Tribal Nation Natural Resource Program Fund. Declares an emergency, effective on passage
SUPPORT	SB 1593	Relating to timber taxation; providing that this Act shall be referred to the people for their approval or rejection.	The Act would impose a new tax on the gross proceeds from the sale of unprocessed timber cut on private land larger than 500 acres held in common ownership. The Act would provide funding to counties and to protect homes, neighborhoods and water supplies from wildfire damage. The Act would repeal the current forest products harvest tax. The Act will be referred to the people at the 2024 general election. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.3). Imposes a new tax on the gross proceeds from the sale of unprocessed timber harvested on private land in excess of 500 acres held in common ownership in this state. Repeals the current forest products harvest tax regime. Refers the Act to the people for their approval or rejection at the next general election

SUPPORT	HB 4014	Relating to fostering coexistence with beavers; prescribing an effective date.	The Act allows agencies to award moneys under a grant program related to living with beavers on private land. The Act directs an agency and a committee to report on the grant program. The Act gives moneys to the agency for the grant program. The Act goes into effect on the 91st day after the 2024 session ends. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.3). Authorizes the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to award moneys from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund under a Landowners Living with Beavers Grant Program, on recommendations from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee. Directs the department and the committee to jointly report on the grant program to committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment on or before September 15, 2026. Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the department for deposit in the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund for purposes related to the grant program. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.
WATCH	HB 4029	Relating to housing.	Makes OHCS study and report on housing. (Flesch Readability Score: 78.8). Requires the Housing and Community Services Department to study housing and to submit a report to the relevant interim committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2025.
OPPOSE	HB 4046	Relating to housing; prescribing an effective date.	This Act allows rural residents to build an extra house for their families. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4). Allows an occupying homeowner outside of an urban growth boundary to site one additional family dwelling unit on the tract of the home. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.
OPPOSE	HB 4106	Relating to reliable forest management outcomes; prescribing an effective date.	The Act directs the State Forester to create harvest levels for cutting timber on state forestland. The Act directs the State Forester to develop a timber inventory model. The Act directs the State Forester to sell timber at the harvest level. The Act gives moneys to the State Forester. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.4). Directs the State Forester to establish sustainable harvest levels for harvesting timber on state forestland and develop a timber inventory model to inform sustainable harvest levels. Directs the State Forester to offer timber for sale at the sustainable harvest level, annually report on sales of timber relative to the sustainable harvest level and address any shortfall in timber sales. Confers standing on certain persons to challenge a failure to address a shortfall. Directs the State Forester to adopt sustainable harvest levels, forest management plans and related significant policy documents by rule. Establishes certain requirements for judicial review of the rules. Makes certain changes concerning forest management reports by the State Forester. Appropriates moneys to the State Forester out of the General Fund for developing a timber inventory model and a sustainable harvest level. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die
WATCH	HB 4128	Relating to water infrastructure.	The Act would give money to cities to produce water infrastructure for new houses in this state. The Act would give money to a state agency to carry out a law related to water wells. The Act would tell a state agency to create updated information about infrastructure in this state. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.8). Digest: Tells a state agency to conduct a study of

			<p>water equipment in this state. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.7). Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Oregon Business Development Department for deposit in the Special Public Works Fund. The department must distribute specific amounts of moneys in the fund to listed cities for the purpose of producing water and wastewater infrastructure to support new residential housing in this state. Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Water Resources Department for deposit in the Water Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund to carry out purposes authorized by the fund. Requires the Oregon Business Development Department to update the Oregon Infrastructure and Community Facilities Inventory. Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Oregon Business Development Department to carry out the update. Requires the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to study water infrastructure needs in this state and submit a report to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2025. <i>Sunsets January 2, 2026.</i></p>
WATCH	HB 4133	<p>Relating to wildfire; prescribing an effective date; providing for revenue raising that requires approval by a three-fifths majority.</p>	<p>The Act makes changes related to a forest products tax. The Act creates a new fund related to wildfire costs. The Act makes changes related to forest protection districts. The Act makes changes related to fees for fire protection. The Act makes changes related to the Emergency Fire Cost Committee. The Act makes changes related to a fund for protecting forest land. The Act repeals a fee on acreage. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.0). Makes certain changes related to the forest products harvest tax. Establishes a State Forestry Department Large Wildfire Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in the fund to the State Forestry Department for wildfire mitigation and suppression. Makes certain changes related to forest protection districts. Makes certain changes related to a minimum assessment and surcharge. Makes certain changes related to the Emergency Fire Cost Committee. Makes certain changes related to the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund. Repeals an acreage assessment. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.</p>