



# LOC Legislative Bulletin



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## Who Wants to Be a Local Government Partner? The House Revenue Committee, That's Who!

On February 4, the LOC Board of Directors and the Oregon Mayor's Association (OMA) board had the honor of hosting members of the House Revenue Committee.

Chair Tom Butler (R-Ontario) asked the League and the Association of Oregon Counties to provide an interactive and compelling orientation to local government issues. In response, committee members were invited to share lunch with the LOC and OMA boards and participate in a new "game show" that parodied "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" The local government version – "Who

Wants to be a Local Government Partner?" – did not allow contestants to "phone a friend" or use a "life-line."

Eugene Councilor Gary Pape' acted as show host, hamming it up for the visiting legislators. Seven of nine members of the Revenue Committee attended, and were split into two teams. Each had a bell to "ring in" if they thought they could correctly answer a multiple choice or true/false question projected onto a large screen. After making their guess, legislators were given the correct answer and a local example. Examples of questions included:

### 1. True or False? Cities have only those powers granted by the state.

**CORRECT ANSWER:** False!  
City authority is articulated in the Oregon Constitution:

"Home Rule" authority, Article XI, s. 2: Cities are granted the power to "enact and amend their municipal charter..."

Measure 30 adopted in 1996. Article XI, s. 15 prohibits unfunded mandates on local governments.

### Hometown Action

It's not too late to register for "Mayor's Day at the Capitol."

For more information and an agenda, see page two.



Reps. Betty Komp (D-Woodburn) and Sal Esquivel (R-Medford) play "Who Wants to be a Local Government Partner?"

### 2. How many cities lost revenue due to Measure 5 compression in 2003-04?

- A) 15
- B) 22
- C) 37
- D) 141

**CORRECT ANSWER:** D.) Cities lost \$21.9 million in revenue due to Measure 5 limits

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## Web Page is Key Resource

The Hometown Voices web page serves as a main communication channel for the program. You can access the page by clicking on the “Hometown Voices” link on the League’s web site: [www.orecities.org](http://www.orecities.org) (green “Hometown Voices” button on left).

Particularly during the legislative session, the Hometown Voices Web Page will provide the most current information on priority legislative issues and the information you need to



communicate to legislators. You are encouraged to visit the web page often to learn how you can support the League’s advocacy efforts and your community.

Periodically in the *Legislative Bulletin* we will highlight a component of the Hometown Voices web page to assist you in effectively using this important tool.

The web page has two icons that provide an easy way for you to find out about what’s moving and shaking with the Legislature and for the League to hear from you about what is happening in your community:



**“Hot Issues” Icon:** When you click on it the link will take you to the most current information on priority city issues. The link contains information about the League’s legislative priorities and allows you to access the *Legislative Bulletin*. The League will also use this icon to post legislative alerts and information requests that will aid in our advocacy efforts.



**“Feedback” Icon:** This is an easy way to communicate anything you learn through an interaction with a legislator or key leader that will assist our advocacy efforts. When you click on the icon it creates an e-mail that will be sent directly to the League. **Feedback is an essential part of our advocacy efforts.** In order for the League to be most effective, we need to hear what is happening locally that could support our efforts in Salem. Whether it is a local coalition meeting, regular phone conference with legislators, chance meeting, or action that the League request that the city take, we need to hear from you!

Working together we will ensure that the voice of cities is heard in Salem. If you would like additional information about the “Hometown Voices” web page, please contact LOC’s Andrea Fogue.

## Mayor’s Day at the Capitol

Mayor’s Day is February 23, and **registration forms are due Wednesday, February 16.** To ensure that you get an appointment with your legislators, it is best to contact them early. For information on how to contact your legislators, or if you need a registration form, please go to the Hometown Voices web page at [www.orecities.org](http://www.orecities.org) and click on the green “Hometown Voices” menu option. To get contact information for your legislators, go to “Legislative Information.” For a Mayor’s Day registration form, go to the “Calendar” link and click on the event.

### Tentative Agenda

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee
- 10:00 a.m. Issues briefing by League staff
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch with legislators who are former local government officials
- 1:00 p.m. Individual meetings with legislators
- 3:00 p.m. Meeting with legislative leadership
- 5:00 p.m. Reception at the Franklin Ballroom

### Hometown Calendar:

**Mayor’s Day at the Capitol**  
February 23

**City Hall Day at the Capitol**  
April 13

**In-District Day for Legislators**  
March 25 (Good Friday)

**In-District Day for Legislators**  
May 30 (Memorial Day)

For more information, visit the Hometown Voices web page: [www.orecities.org/legislative/grassroots/index.cfm](http://www.orecities.org/legislative/grassroots/index.cfm), or contact Andrea Fogue at LOC: (503) 588-6550 or [afogue@orecities.org](mailto:afogue@orecities.org)

## **Damascus Financing Bill Passed by Committee**

The Senate Revenue Committee unanimously passed SB 341 Thursday after hearing testimony from Damascus Mayor Dee Wescott and Mayor Pro-Tem John Hartsock.

The bill allows Oregon's newest city to issue tax anticipation notes prior to the beginning of their fiscal year. On November 2, 2004, almost 92 percent of the proposed city's residents approved incorporation and a tax base, by 65 percent. Current law, however, does not enable the city to issue tax anticipation notes until the beginning of its fiscal year.

At the hearing, Wescott and Hartsock explained that the city has costs resulting from its incorporation that should be paid as soon as possible, including a boundary study, election costs and legal services. These vendors and interim city manager Steve Rhodes have all agreed to work on a contingency basis until funding is available. SB 341 would speed up the availability of those funds.

Representative Linda Flores (R-Boring) and Senator Rick Metsger (D-Welches), who represent the new city, spoke in favor of the bill, along with the League and Metro. The bill should hit the floor of the Senate next week, where it is expected to pass.

## **Committees Continue Measure 37 Discussions**

This week, the House Land Use Committee and the Senate Committee on the Environment and Land Use heard more testimony on Measure 37.

City interests were represented by Hillsboro Mayor Tom Hughes, Corvallis Councilor Hal Brauner, Albany City Manager Steve Bryant, Bend Community Development Director James Lewis and attorney Glenn Klein from Harrang Long Gary Rudnick.

Over several days, the House committee heard from representatives of cities, counties and the state about issues related to claims processing. Concerns were also voiced about the meaning of the measure, its effect on real estate market predictability, lender uncertainty and the increased complexity of property transactions. Testimony highlighted differences in the type and complexity of claims that come from urban versus rural areas.

Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development Director Lane Shetterly and representatives from the Department of Justice and Department of Administrative Services were also on hand to answer questions on the processing of state claims. The committee urged state officials to provide guidance to local governments as they wrestle with Measure 37.

The House Land Use Committee includes Representatives Bill Garrard (R-Klamath Falls, chairman); Gordon Anderson (R-Grants Pass, vice-chair); Mitch Greenlick (D-Portland, vice chair); Robert Ackerman (D-Eugene), Mary Nolan (D-Portland), Patti Smith (R-Corbett), and Mac Sumner (R-Molalla).

### **Alternative bill filed**

Senator Kurt Schrader (D-Canby) has sponsored SB 308, which would repeal Measure 37 and provide a system to compensate for losses in property value resulting from land use restrictions. The funding is provided by capturing increases in property value created by government actions, but would require a constitutional amendment. The bill, which had its initial hearing this week in the Senate Committee on Environment and Land Use, is very similar to one considered during the final days of the 2001 session as a response to Measure 7.

The Senate Committee on Environment and Land Use includes Senators Charlie Ringo (D-Beaverton, chairman), Jason Atkinson (R-Grants Pass, vice-chair), Roger Beyer (R-Molalla), Ginny Burdick (D-Portland), and Frank Shields (D-Portland).

### **“Dorothy English” Bill passes Senate**

SB 348, which allows Ms. English to subdivide her property, passed the Senate this week. English has been one of the most visible proponents of compensation for loss in property value by government action.

Voting against the bill were Senators Carter, Johnson, Metsger, Monnes Anderson, Morrisette and Westlund; excused were Senators Burdick, George, Gordly and Winters; Senator Devlin was attending legislative business.

The bill has been sent to the House for consideration.

## Senate Takes Hearings on the Road

As part of a new initiative, Senate committees will hold hearings in 13 locations across the state this session.

“We want to go to the people for their input, instead of expecting the people to come to Salem all the time,” said Senate President Peter Courtney (D-Salem).

The initiative is one of several steps that have been taken in the Legislature to open up the policy-making process. The House and Senate have adopted rules that require 48-hour notice of committee hearings, and Senate

Democrats have opened their caucus meetings. Additionally, the House Revenue Committee, chaired by Tom Butler (R-Ontario), has visited the Department of Revenue, the Oregon Lottery, and the League (see related article page 1.)

Below is the schedule for Senate community hearings. Agendas will be posted at least 48 hours in advance at: [www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/agenda/webagendas.htm](http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/agenda/webagendas.htm).

### Friday, February 11, 2005

#### **Senate Education and Workforce Committee**

Douglas Education Service District  
1871 NE Stephens St., Roseburg

**Agenda:** education service district issues.  
For more information: (503) 986-1755

#### **Senate Environment and Land Use Committee**

Hood River County office building  
601 State St., Hood River

**Agenda:** land use issues.  
For more information: (503) 986-1640

#### **Senate Transportation Committee**

Coos Bay City Hall  
500 Central Ave., Coos Bay

**Agenda:** port issues, Coos Bay Railroad Bridge Rehabilitation, North Spit Rail Spur and TransPacific Parkway Realignment projects.  
For more information: (503) 986-1688

### Friday, February 25, 2005

#### **Senate Health Policy Committee**

Gresham (site to be determined)

**Agenda:** nursing workforce issues.  
For more information: (503) 986-1485

#### **Senate Rules Committee**

Location to be determined

For more information: (503) 986-1496

### Friday, March 4, 2005

#### **Senate Environment and Land Use Committee**

(Location to be determined)

For more information: (503) 986-1640

#### **Senate Revenue Committee**

Portland (site to be determined)

**Agenda:** affordable housing issues. Posted within 48 hours of hearing at:

[www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/agenda/webagendas.htm](http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/agenda/webagendas.htm)

For more information: (503) 986-1266

### Friday, March 11, 2005

#### **Senate General Government Committee**

(Location to be determined)

**Agenda:** emergency preparedness issues. Posted within 48 hours of hearing at:

[www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/agenda/webagendas.htm](http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/agenda/webagendas.htm).

For more information: (503) 986-1688

#### **Senate Commerce Committee**

Cottage Grove (site to be determined)

For more information: (503) 986-1643.

### Friday, March 18, 2005

#### **Senate Judiciary Committee**

Pendleton (site to be determined)

For more information: (503) 986-1474

#### **Sen. Business and Economic Development Committee**

(Location to be determined)

**Agenda:** will be posted within 48 hours of hearing at:

[www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/agenda/webagendas.htm](http://www.leg.state.or.us/05reg/agenda/webagendas.htm)

For more information: (503) 986-1991

### Friday, April 1, 2005

#### **Senate Transportation Committee**

Medford (site to be determined)

**Agenda:** airport issues

For more information: (503) 986-1688

#### **Senate Human Services Committee**

Lebanon (site to be determined)

**Agenda:** long-term care issues

For more information: (503) 986-1485

Additional community hearings in April will be scheduled.



## Public Safety Collective Bargaining

Three bills (SB 319, SB 320 and SB 321) that will increase the cost and weaken the management of public safety employees at the expense of other city services are expected to have a hearing in the Senate Commerce Committee soon.

The bills mirror a trio (SB 444, 445 and 446) that was defeated after a protracted battle that raged until the final hours of the 2003 session. The new bills undo collective bargaining reforms enacted in 1995.

Specifically:

- **SB 319** - eliminates the “interest and welfare of the public” as the first priority that an arbitrator considers in binding arbitration and instead makes it one of a laundry list of items all given equal weight. This bill removes any consideration of other government services and programs (such as libraries, parks, etc.) and makes their funds available for public safety wage increases.
- **SB 320** - expands membership in police and fire bargaining units to include any supervisory employee that does not have the authority to impose economic

discipline. Most public safety department supervisors make disciplinary recommendations but do not have the authority to impose economic discipline. This change would make it **more difficult to manage** the organization.

- **SB 321** - makes staffing levels and equipment negotiable issues for police and firefighters if they have a “**potential**” impact on safety. These issues would be subject to binding arbitration. The current law allows bargaining only over issues that have a “**direct and substantial**” effect on safety. **Ultimately an arbitrator could decide on city police and fire staffing and equipment levels.**

It is unclear what problem these bills are attempting to solve. They will have the effect of driving up local government personnel costs at a time when essential services are being cut. In addition to cities, these bills would impact counties, fire districts and the state.

For more information: Contact David Barenberg - (503) 588-6550

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### 3. The refrain you are most likely to hear to from LOC during the legislative session is:

- A) “Do no harm” to the ability of cities to fund services and resolve local challenges.
- B) “Sewers Before School kids!”
- C) “Hometown voices, wise choices.” The best decisions for city residents are made at the local level.
- D) “Fluoride for everyone!”
- E) “One Size Fits All!”

**CORRECT ANSWERS:** A) & C)

As with all game shows, legislators left with some lovely “parting gifts,” including pens and mouse pads sporting the LOC logo, along with the coveted “I’m a Hometown Voice” button.

After the game, legislators provided city officials with an

opportunity for questions and answers on priorities and events at the Capitol, then they were spirited away for a reception hosted by the Association of Oregon Counties.

This format provided an opportunity for legislators to interact with city officials in an informal manner. Legislators laughed and enjoyed themselves, while city officials made some key points in an effective way. A sincere “thank you” goes out to the following legislators for attending – it was our pleasure!:

Tom Butler (R-Ontario); Vicki Berger (Vice-Chair, R-Salem); Sal Esquivel (R-Medford); Larry Galizio (D-Tigard); Betty Komp (D-Woodburn); Andy Olson (R-Albany); and Chuck Riley (D-Hillsboro).

## Campaign Finance Reform on Legislative Agenda

This week, House Speaker Karen Minnis (R-Wood Village) and House Democrat Leader Jeff Merkley (D-Portland) announced a bi-partisan effort to enhance the accuracy and transparency of campaign finance reporting. Several reforms have also been introduced in the Senate, including SB 160, which would require the electronic filing of campaign finance reports – an idea that has been championed by Secretary of state Bill Bradbury.



Included in the House leader's effort are increased fines for converting campaign funds to personal use, ending the co-mingling of private and campaign funds, better accounting measures and establishing a web-based campaign finance reporting system.

"Oregonians must have faith in our electoral system and faith in the

accuracy and truthfulness of financial reporting by candidates and political action committees," said Speaker Minnis. "Our system of open, elected government demands no less. These steps will help prevent abuse of campaign funds and ensure that the public can better track the spending and fund-raising of political campaigns."

The effort for reform has been fueled by the recent resignation of Rep. Dan Doyle (R-Salem) after questions were raised about his use and reporting of campaign funds and expenditures. A recent article in *The Oregonian* also highlighted loopholes in Oregon's campaign finance system.

"Honest, accountable government begins with honest, accountable political campaigns," Rep. Merkley said. "Recent events have revealed that our system may be vulnerable to abuse of campaign rules and misuse of campaign funds. The Legislature must act now to cure that vulnerability, and regain the trust and confidence of Oregon's citizens."

The ideas listed following will be incorporated into legislation that will be drafted by the House Elections and Rules Committee:

1. **Fines:** increase the penalty for converting campaign funds to personal use from \$75 to \$750 plus the amount converted, paid to the Elections Division. The fine must be paid from the candidate's personal funds.
2. **End Co-mingling of Funds:** prohibit co-mingling of private and campaign funds by requiring all campaign deposits and expenditures to be made through a dedicated campaign account.
3. **Establish Public Review and Audit Reconciliation Process:** require copies of account statements - with confidential information such as account numbers blacked out – to be filed with the Secretary of State's Office to be kept in each candidate committee or PAC file and available for public inspection, review, and reconciliation. Expenditure information would be expanded to include the business name, city and state of all vendors. Require the Secretary of State to spot check expenditures and revenues to ensure validity of reporting process.
4. **Ban Candidate Self-Compensation:** prohibit a candidate from charging his or her campaign for professional services (i.e. consulting or accounting or secretarial services).
5. **Ban Double-Dipping:** ban double compensation for any expense.
6. **Timely Disclosure:** establish a web-based reporting system. It is estimated that a web-based campaign finance system could cost \$1.5 million, a significant amount in a tight state budget. But with the bipartisan effort in the House and support in the Senate its time may have come.

## Changes in Committee Membership

House Speaker Karen Minnis (R-Wood Village) has made appointments to fill vacancies created on the Ways and Means Committee and its subcommittees when Betsy Johnson resigned her House seat to become a member of the Senate.

Rep. Steven March (D-Portland) was appointed to the full Ways and Means Committee and the Education Subcommittee, and Rep. Mike Schaufler (D-Happy Valley) was appointed to the Natural Resources Subcommittee. Another change on House Ways and Means was the appointment of Rep. Bob Jenson (R-Pendleton) to the Subcommittee on Education to replace Rep. Susan Morgan, who became House vice chair following the resignation of Rep. Dan Doyle (R-Salem).

Other changes in House committees include:

- Rep. Brad Witt (D-Clatskanie) appointed to the House General Government and Information Management and Technology Committees. Rep. Witt fills the seat held by Sen. Johnson.
- Rep. Carolyn Tomei (D-Milwaukie) moved from the Education Committee to the Water Committee;
- Rep. Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay) moved from the Information and Technology Committee to the Education Committee; and
- Rep. Mike Schaufler (D-Happy Valley) left the House Water Committee.

Elsewhere, Senate President Peter Courtney (D-Salem) named newly-appointed Senator Betsy Johnson (D-Scappoose) to the Ways and Means Committee and chair of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government. She was also appointed to the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development. The major transition for Johnson will be moving from minority house member to chair of a subcommittee.

An updated committee list will appear in a future edition of the *Legislative Bulletin* when the seat formerly held by Rep. Doyle is filled and his replacement is appointed to committees.

## Get to Know Your Committee Chairs: Senator Charlie Ringo

Serving in his third session, Sen. Charlie Ringo (D-Beaverton) chairs the Senate Committee on Environment and Land Use. In 2000, Ringo was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives and in 2002 was elected to the Senate. He represents Senate District 17, which includes large sections of Beaverton and portions of Portland.



Senator Ringo was born and raised in Corvallis, where he attended Corvallis High School. In 1976, he began his training at the Air Force Academy, then spent five years in active duty. While in service he researched and developed advanced electronic systems.

In 1986, Ringo began law school at Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College in Portland. He graduated cum laude in 1989, and established his own law practice in Beaverton in 1991. For the last eight years he has represented consumers and small businesses in a variety of cases.

Senator Ringo is an outdoor enthusiast who enjoys hiking, mountain climbing and running. He also enjoys spending time with his wife, Julie, and his two sons, Reese and Joseph.

## Seismic Safety Bills Introduced by Senate President

Senate President Peter Courtney (D-Salem) this week introduced Senate Bills 2 and 3 to strengthen public buildings as part of a statewide earthquake and tsunami preparedness effort.

“Based on Oregon’s geological past and present, this state faces the very real threat in the future of a severe earthquake just off our coast,” Courtney said. “We must be prepared and these bills will help ensure that our public buildings are strong.”

The bills would direct the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries to conduct an assessment of statewide seismic needs by January 1, 2007, which would survey and rank schools, colleges, police and fire stations and hospitals. Courtney’s bills also would direct the Oregon Office of Emergency Management to create a grant program for local communities to undertake seismic rehabilitation of their schools, colleges, police and fire stations and hospitals. The grant program would be funded by state general obligation bonds authorized by Oregon voters in 2002.

## Meth Problem Gets Legislative Focus

Already this session, several bills have been introduced – and more are on the way – that attempt to deal with the methamphetamine problem in Oregon. The governor and Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate are proposing bills that would: increase sentences for methamphetamine-related crimes; criminalize possession of precursor substances and cooking equipment; criminalize distribution; and increase protection of children exposed to the drug.

Several other legislative drafts and concepts are circulating, but have not yet been filed. This group includes the declaration of a methamphetamine epidemic in Oregon and increased penalties for meth waste dumping. Although the League has yet to see the bill, it is rumored that there is a legislative concept requiring the remediation of meth sites by local governments. As always, LOC will oppose any mandates, but will focus on the most effective ways to remediate sites, such as the creation of remediation partnerships.

The following is a list of meth bills already introduced this session:

- HB 2467 – introduced by the House Judiciary Committee. Increases the sentences of people convicted of possessing amphetamines.
- HB 2485 – sponsored by Representative Alan Brown (R-Newport). Perhaps the widest-ranging reform bill; filed at the request of the Oregon Narcotics Association and Rob Bovett, a well-known meth reform advocate. Attempts to create several new crimes and increases penalties regarding the use, distribution, disposal and making of meth and meth precursors.
- HB 2508 – sponsored by Representative Chuck Riley (D-Hillsboro). Makes it a crime to endanger children by exposing them to the hazardous chemicals used in meth production. Punishment is a maximum of five years imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both.
- SB 183 – filed at the request of the governor. Provides immunity for those reporting meth crimes and criminalizes the distribution of meth equipment and precursor substances. This crime would be punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment or \$250,000 fine, or both.

- SB 313 – introduced at the request of the Senate Interim Committee on General Government. Expands the crime of unlawful distribution of amphetamines. Requires a record of the sale or transfer of these substances.

The following package of bills was filed by Senate Republicans and sponsored by Senator Jackie Winters (D-Salem):

- SB 375 – establishes mandatory minimum sentences for unlawful manufacture, delivery or unlawful possession of methamphetamine.
- Senate Bill 376 – increases penalties for unlawful possession or distribution of meth precursors.
- SB 377 – increases penalties for possession, delivery and manufacture of methamphetamine.
- Senate Bill 378 – prohibits sale of methamphetamine precursors to persons under 18.
- Senate Bill 379 – directs the Oregon Department of Justice to make grants to counties to prosecute crimes involving possession, manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine.

For more information, contact Christy Monson at the League.

### First Filing Milestone Passed

The Senate and the House have now passed the date when members can request the drafting of new bills (there are limited exceptions). The lawyers in the legislative counsel office are working long hours to turn the legislator's requests into bills ready for filing. The deadline for dropping (legislative speak for filing) bills is February 14 in the Senate and February 28 in the House.

## Local Governments Voice Opposition to the Public Servant Surcharge Bill

On Tuesday, the League, the Community Colleges Association, the Association of Oregon Counties, the Special Districts Association, the Oregon School Boards Association and the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association testified in opposition to SB 420, the public servant surcharge bill. Heard in the Senate General Government Committee chaired by Sen. Frank Shields (D-Portland), the bill imposes a yearly surcharge on all state and local governments to fund the Oregon Government Standards and Practices Commission (the GSPC).

Under the bill, the GSPC would have the sole discretion to assess and collect from all governing bodies a \$3- \$5 charge per “public official” working for that governing body. League testimony informed the committee that the term “public official” in the bill is so broadly defined that the charge would apply to employees, elected and appointed officials, and likely even volunteers and neighborhood association members.

Senator Kate Brown (D-Portland) led off the testimony in support of the bill. She said that the GSPC needs a stable source of funding, and noted the need for an independent, non-political source of ethics oversight funding. She also said that she had heard the concerns of local government and would be willing to look at other sources of funding.

Testifying on behalf of the League, Keizer City Council President Richard Walsh informed the committee of the consequences of such a funding mechanism.

“Just last night at the Keizer City Council, we established two new commissions,” Walsh said. “For promoting citizen volunteerism, our city would now be penalized. That just doesn’t seem fair.”

League Executive Director Ken Strobeck, a former chair of the House Revenue Committee, urged the committee to consider the important policy choices presented in this bill.

“Ethics oversight is a state service to the general public to protect the public trust,” Strobeck said. “The Legislature can make the decision to fund this program if it wants to – leaving our local government to do the jobs we are here to do: provide roads, clean water and safe streets. This division of labor is an important aspect of our working partnership with the state.”

Chair Shields, in closing the hearing, noted that funding the GSPC remains a priority. However, he also noted that he realizes the difficulties inherent in this local funding mechanism.

For more information, contact LOC’s Christy Monson.

## New Faces

*(Editor’s Note – fourth in a series on legislators serving in their first session)*

### Representative Bruce Hanna, District 7



Rep. Bruce Hanna (R-Roseburg) is a career businessman and current president of the Douglas County Bottling Company. This session, Rep. Hanna serves on the Joint Ways and Means Committee and its two subcommittees, Human Services and Public Safety. House District 7 includes sections of Douglas and Lane Counties and Cottage Grove, Drain, Elkton, Lowell, Oakland, Oakridge, Sutherlin, Westfir and Yoncalla.

A family man, Rep. Hanna is the youngest of seven children, and built the Pleasant Hill Dairy Queen with the help of his father. He eventually sold the business to his sister when the opportunity arose at Coca Cola.

### Representative Chip Shields, District 43

Representing House District 43 is Rep. Chip Shields (D-Portland), founder of Better People, a non-profit, living-wage job placement center in Portland. Shields served as the organization’s executive director prior to his election to the House, helping hundreds of people turn their lives around after run-ins with the law.



Rep. Shields graduated from Portland State University with a master’s degree in social work and has experience working with the Oregon Center for Public Policy and the Portland Mayor’s Gang Task Force. Rep. Shields serves on the House Committee on Business, Labor, and Consumer Affairs and the House Committee on Education. His district covers the North and Northeast sections of Portland.

# OREGON MAYORS ASSOCIATION

## 2005 Mayors Day at the Capitol

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 – Oregon State Capitol – Room 350  
(beginning at 10:00 a.m.)

### Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_  
(One person per form, please – make copies if needed)

Title \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Guest (if attending) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full name, please)

- I plan to make an appointment with my legislator before 10 a.m. or between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (assistance available from LOC if needed)
- Please include me in the Mayors' lunch following the morning briefing. I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ guest(s)
- Yes, I also plan to attend the complimentary Legislative Reception sponsored by the City of Salem and its citizens at the Franklin Ballroom following the Mayors Day at the Capitol beginning at 5:00 p.m. My guest(s) will be: \_\_\_\_\_

The registration fee is \$30.00, which includes food and beverages, briefing materials, and the legislative reception. The registration fee is the same for guests.

Your prompt response is appreciated. Registration CUT-OFF DATE: **February 16**

Payment Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Make checks payable to: Oregon Mayors Association**

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations must be received in the League office by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 16.

**Please mail or fax to:** Mayors Day at the Capitol  
PO Box 928  
Salem, OR 97308  
  
Fax: 503-399-4863

## Selected Bill Summaries

The following are bills of city interest. Summaries are included weekly to outline the issues that may be discussed in hearings during the session.

The bills are categorized by city concern, using the League's standing and issue committee titles. The bill's number is followed by an identifying title and a summary of the salient features.

### BUDGET BILLS

**SB 1** Insurance coverage of chemical dependency and mental and nervous conditions: Prohibits group health insurers from imposing treatment limitations, limits on total payments or financial requirements on coverage for chemical dependency, including alcoholism, and for mental or nervous conditions unless similar limitations or requirements are imposed on coverage of other medical conditions. (By Sens. Courtney, Brown; Reps. Carter, Gordly, Morrisette)

**HB 2442** Protected health information designee: Provides that person appointed as health care representative is a personal representative for purposes of state and federal laws regarding use and disclosure of protected health information. (By Rep. Butler)

**HB 2520** Real estate transfer tax preemption repeal: Repeals prohibition on real estate transfer taxes. (By Rep. Buckley for Ashland)

### EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

**HB 2519** Sexual orientation discrimination: Prohibits discrimination against persons in specified areas of law based on sexual orientation. (By Rep. Merkley for Basic Rights Oregon)

### EMPLOYMENT

**SB 239** Modifies employment protected classes: Modifies lists of protected classes in civil rights law. (By Joint Int. Comm. on Judiciary for Oregon Law Commission)

### FINANCE & TAX: PROPERTY TAX

**HB 2511** Fraternal club exemption: Establishes property tax exemption for property that is owned by fraternal service organization and used by charitable organization. (By Rep. Gilman for Lions)

### FINANCE & TAX: URBAN RENEWAL

**SB 425** Urban renewal housing requirement: Requires 20% of estimated total of urban renewal projects to be for affordable housing. (By Committee on Rules)

**HB 2440** School urban renewal agencies: Authorizes school districts to activate urban renewal agencies and adopt urban renewal plans for purpose of funding school construction and improvements. (By Rep. Krummel)

### HEALTH INSURANCE

**SB 107** School district benefits pool: Establishes Oregon Educators Benefit Board to be the exclusive provider of health, long-term care, and flexible spending benefit plans to school district employees, beginning in July 2006. Allows community colleges to opt in to the program. Provides funding for administration of the program; allows for negotiations between school districts and employees on amount of employee contributions. Emergency clause. (By Sen. Courtney for Gov. Kulongoski)

**SB 505** Oregon Prescription Drug Plan participants: Adds individuals or entities that may participate in Oregon Prescription Drug Program. (By Sen. Brown)

**HB 2495** Health benefit plans: Requires carriers to offer qualified high-deductible health benefit plans. (By Committee on Health and Human Services)

### MISCELLANEOUS

**HCR 4** Toledo centennial commemoration: Commemorates centennial of City of Toledo. (By Rep. Brown, Sen. Verger)

**HCR 5** Gresham centennial commemoration and Gresham Day: Commemorates 100th anniversary of Gresham and designates February 11 as City of Gresham Day. (By Reps. Lim, Minnis; Sen. Monnes Anderson)

## PERS

- SB 499** P&F benefits for 9-1-1 operators: Classifies telecommunicators certified by Department of Public Safety Standards and Training as police officers for purposes of benefits under Public Employees Retirement System. (By General Government Committee)
- SB 506** P&F for animal control: Classifies dog control officers and persons commissioned by sheriff to perform animal control duties as police officers for purposes of benefits under Public Employees Retirement System. (By General Government Committee)

## TRANSPORTATION

- SB 384** Hybrid registration: Eliminates registration fee for hybrid vehicles. (By Sen. Deckert)
- HB 2441** HJR 5 Implementation: Allocates and appropriates moneys from 2003 increase in taxes and fees for certain vehicles to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution among police agencies for specified purposes. (By Rep. Butler)
- HJR 4** Highway trust fund for buses: Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to authorize use of revenues from taxes on motor vehicle fuel and on ownership and operation of motor vehicle by school districts for transportation of students. (By Rep. Butler)
- HJR 5** Highway trust fund for police: Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to allow revenue from taxes on motor vehicle fuel and ownership and operation of motor vehicles to be used for policing of highways. (By Rep. Butler)

## WATER

- HB 2522** City watershed fines: Allows cities to increase maximum fine for unlawful access to watershed from \$100 to \$1,250. (By Rep. Dallum)

## WORKERS COMP

- SB 311** Limits travel requirements for workers comp medical exams: Requires Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services to adopt rules specifying limitations on travel for workers attending required medical examinations for workers' compensation claims and requiring distribution of educational materials about examination process to workers by insurers and self-insured employers. (By Sen. Int. Comm. on General Government)
- SB 469** Podiatric physician addition: Adds podiatric physician and surgeon to definition of attending physician for purposes of workers' compensation law. (By Sens. Deckert, B. Starr)

# Hearing Schedule

*All hearings are held at the Capitol unless otherwise noted*

## Monday, February 14, 2005

**Re:** SB 282. Annexation owner modification  
**Where:** HR B - Senate Environment and Land Use Committee  
**When:** 3:00 P.M.

**Re:** SB 380. Urban service provider annexation  
**Where:** HR B - Senate Environment and Land Use Committee  
**When:** 3:00 P.M.

**Re:** SB 488. School zones fix  
**Where:** HR C - Senate Transportation Committee  
**When:** 3:10 P.M.

**Re:** SB 5515. Housing and Community Services Department  
**Where:** HR F - Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee On Transportation and Economic Development  
**When:** 1:00 P.M.

**Re:** HB 2025. Fluoridation  
**Where:** HR 357 - House Water Committee  
**When:** 1:00 P.M.

**Re:** HB 2175. OECCD project revisions  
**Where:** RM 343 - House Trade and Economic Development Committee  
**When:** 8:30 A.M.

**Re:** HB 2222. Department of Justice judgment liens  
**Where:** RM 357 - House Judiciary Subcommittee On Civil Law  
**When:** 8:30 A.M.

**Re:** HB 2403. Photo radar study  
**Where:** RM 357 - House Judiciary Subcommittee On Civil Law  
**When:** 8:30 A.M.

**Re:** HB 2442. Protected health information designee  
**Where:** HR B - House Business, Labor and Consumer Affairs Committee  
**When:** 8:30 A.M.

**Re:** HB 5026. DEQ Budget  
**Where:** H-174 - Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources  
**When:** 1:00 P.M.

**Re:** HB 5059. PERS expenditure limitation

**Where:** H 174 - Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government

**When:** 8:30 A.M.

**Re:** HB 5069. ODOT budget  
**Where:** HR F - Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development

**When:** 1:00 P.M.

## Tuesday, February 15, 2005

**Re:** SB 151. Motor vehicle liability coverage  
**Where:** HR B – Senate Business and Economic Development Committee  
**When:** 1:00 P.M.

**Re:** SB 393. Water district election requirements  
**Where:** HR 343 – Senate Rules Committee  
**When:** 8:30 A.M.

**Re:** SB 434. Subpoenas by Bureau of Labor and industries  
**Where:** HR C – Senate Commerce Committee  
**When:** 3:10 P.M.

**Re:** SJR 3. Allows campaign contribution limitation by initiative  
**Where:** HR 343 – Senate Rules Committee  
**When:** 8:30 A.M.

**Re:** SJR 5. Permits campaign finance limitations by initiative  
**Where:** HR 343 – Senate Rules Committee  
**When:** 8:30 A.M.

**Re:** HB 2127. Unemployment tax rates  
**Where:** HR A - House Revenue Committee  
**When:** 1:00 P.M.

**Re:** HB 2155. Governor's fire fighting authority  
**Where:** HR B - House General Government Committee  
**When:** 8:30 A.M.

**Re:** HB 2179. Alternative regulation for emerging technologies  
**Where:** RM 357 - House Information Management and Technology Committee  
**When:** 1:00 P.M.

**Re:** HB 2253. Bancroft bonding clarification  
**Where:** HR B - House General Government Committee

**When:** 8:30 A.M.

**Re:** HB 2259. Contracts under \$5,000  
**Where:** HR B - House General Government Committee  
**When:** 8:30 A.M.

**Re:** HB 5059. PERS expenditure limitation  
**Where:** H 174 - Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government  
**When:** 8:30 A.M.

**Re:** HB 5069. ODOT budget  
**Where:** HR F - Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development  
**When:** 1:00 P.M.

**Re:** HB 5074. OWEB Budget  
**Where:** H-174 - Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources  
**When:** 1:00 P.M.

### **Wednesday, February 16, 2005**

**Re:** SB 65. Penalties for uncertified public safety personnel  
**Where:** RM 343 - Senate Judiciary Committee  
**When:** 1:00 P.M.

**Re:** SB 267. Tax court determinations  
**Where:** HR A - Senate Revenue Committee  
**When:** 8:30 A.M.

**Re:** HB 2369. Sprinkler licensing  
**Where:** HR B - House Business, Labor and Consumer Affairs Committee  
**When:** 8:30 A.M.

**Re:** HB 5069. ODOT budget  
**Where:** HR F - Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development  
**When:** 1:00 P.M.

**Re:** HB 5074. OWEB Budget  
**Where:** H-174 - Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources  
**When:** 1:00 P.M.

### **Thursday, February 17, 2005**

**Re:** HB 2335. 45 day deadline for child sex abuse investigation  
**Where:** HR 357 - House Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Law  
**When:** 8:30 A.M.

**Re:** HB 5069. ODOT budget  
**Where:** HR F - Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development  
**When:** 1:00 P.M.