

As week one of the 2024 session ends, public hearings are dominating the committee agendas. With the strict timelines imposed, policy committees only have until February 19th, meaning two weeks, to get the bills completed and voted out. With most committees holding two meetings per week, committee chairs have only four meetings to move their agenda.

Last week I mentioned that there would likely be a few more bills introduced, but so far that has not happened. With the possible exception of budget bills, I now think that there are just fewer bills this session than past short sessions and the list is complete.

The revenue forecast yesterday predicts a stable economy for Oregon and little change in revenues. The big difference was the final accounting from the past biennium shows about \$450 million more than expected in ending balances, which are now available to be used in the current budget. This means an additional \$550 million is available than was predicted just three months ago. This should help ease the budget concerns, but in reality, it may make it worse, as for every dollar available to spend, there are at least double that in requests.

The bills I am tracking for IIABO have not changed and are listed below. Like I said last week, I also continue to monitor amendments to other bills to make sure they don't become something of concern. This list will be affected by the deadline on the 19th and if the bills are not voted out of committee, they will be considered dead for the session. The two Revenue Committees, along with the Ways and Means Committee, are not subject to the policy committee deadlines so bills remaining in those committees will continue until the close of the session.

HB	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
4066	No Position	0	2/1/24	Roger Beyer	P & C
	Bill				
	Info				
	Summary:	Requires insurance coverage for motor vehicles to be made available as part of a peer-to-peer car sharing arrangement. Specifies coverage requirements and apportions responsibility for coverage among the car sharing program operator, the shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle driver. Requires certain disclosures to the shared vehicle owner and shared vehicle driver in a car sharing program agreement. Requires the shared vehicle owner to address recall notices for defects that affect the safety of a shared vehicle.			
	Status:				
	2/5/24	H - Referred to Business and Labor.			
	2/5/24	H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.			

HB	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To
4091	Monitor	4	2/1/24	Roger Beyer

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Summary: Establishes the Health Insurance Mandate Review Advisory Committee, staffed by the Legislative Policy and Research Director, to meet during interims between sessions of the Legislative Assembly to review any proposed measure sponsored by or submitted to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health if the measure requires health insurance policies to reimburse specified health care providers or to reimburse the cost of a specific service. Specifies the membership of the committee and the type of review that the committee must undertake. Requires the committee to produce a report of its findings on each proposed measure no later than January 15 of the year in which the measure may be introduced or 15 days after a review is requested, whichever is later. Requires the director to report to the Legislative Assembly, by December 31, 2026, on the work of the committee and recommendations for legislation. Sunsets June 30, 2027. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Status:

2/12/24	H - Work Session scheduled.
2/5/24	H - Public Hearing held.
2/5/24	H - Referred to Behavioral Health and Health Care.
2/5/24	H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

HB	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To
4100	Monitor	5	2/1/24	Roger Beyer

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Summary: Prohibits the recovery from customers of certain costs and expenses that a public utility incurs as a result of negligence or a higher degree of fault on the part of the public utility. Requires an investor-owned electric utility to provide an incident report to the Department of the State Fire Marshal and the State Forestry Department whenever a fire-related incident occurs that is caused by the utility's electric power line and to provide a copy of the incident report to the Public Utility Commission. Provides that the incident report may be used as evidence. Specifies the recoverable economic damages allowed for damage or injury to property caused by a wildfire. Allows the use of other objectively verifiable information to determine fair market value.

Status:

2/5/24	H - Referred to Judiciary.
2/5/24	H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

