

Oregon's 2015
Regular Legislative Session:
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"She flies with her own wings." – Judge Jessie Quinn Thornton

Oregon uses a system of single-member districts to elect its legislators. Each of the 90 members represent a designated senatorial or representative district, meaning each Oregonian is represented by a single senator and a single representative. Representative districts have a population of about 63,850; Senate districts contain about 127,700 people. These district lines are redrawn every ten years.

2015
Legislative Agenda
Tigard, Oregon

Tigard City Council



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Economic Development and Land Use

- Support funding and policies to facilitate for brownfield mediation and clean-up.
- Request funding for infrastructure to support development of the underutilized Hunziker Industrial Core and support funding for SB 246 which would provide funds and authority to Business Oregon which could assist in assembling infrastructure funding for the area.
- Support renewal of the State's Vertical Housing and Development program (which sunsets Jan. 2016). The city recently established a VHD program which will be an important tool in advancing targeted development in the downtown urban renewal district.
- Advocate for legislative funding of the Oregon Transportation Forum on Climate Smart Communities

Finance

- **Property Tax Reform:**
 - ▶ Support referral to voters that would allow local control of temporary property tax outside of statewide caps;
 - ▶ Support an amendment of the state constitution that would reset a property's assessed value to its real market value at the time of sale or construction;
 - ▶ Support a statutory change regarding the way new property is added to the tax rolls to provide the option of applying a city-wide changed property ratio to new property.
- Allow for price comparison when procuring the services of architects and engineers.

- Oppose preemption of the ability of cities to manage and receive compensation for the use of public ROW.
- Advocate for a change to the current fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) as mandated by state law to a calendar that better coincides with the legislative session.

Transportation

- Support passage of a comprehensive transportation funding and policy package to address multi-modal needs with a priority of maintaining and preserving existing infrastructure.
- Support legislative priorities that address traffic congestion, economic development and jobs.
- Request funding for improvements to SW Hall Boulevard – Burnham Street to Durham Road. This project will add turn lanes at key intersections, illuminate, add transit stop amenities and fill in the sidewalk gap along Hall Boulevard from downtown Tigard to Durham Road. Sidewalks along Hall Boulevard are one of the top priorities identified by citizens to make the city more walkable.

Request Amount: \$7,100,000

Other Focus Areas

- Advocate for legislative changes that will clarify and enhance public safety and local control related to marijuana dispensaries.
- Support increased resources for persons with mental health issues, especially in crisis situations.