



## Legislative Committee

City Manager's Office, Suite 400, Parkway Building (440 Church Street SE)  
Streaming live on Salem Public Meeting YouTube Channel  
February 13, 2026, 11:00 a.m.-Noon

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### **PARTICIPANTS**

#### Committee Members

Mayor Julie Hoy, Chair; Councilor Brown, Councilor Gwyn, and Councilor Nordyke. Councilor Nishioka is an alternate member.

#### Lobby Support

Justin Martin, Perseverance

Mark Dedrick, Terry Heubert, and Jannet Jimenez, Summit Strategies

#### Staff

Courtney Knox Busch, City Manager's Office; Brian Carrara, Fire; Julianah Douglas, Public Works; Josh Eggleston, Finance and Franchise; Eunice Kim, Community Planning and Development; Sara Long, Community Planning and Development; Michele Bennett, Human Resources; Jason Pulley, Public Works; Tammi Starrs, Public Works; Treven Upkes, Police; Julie Hanson, Public Works; and Marc Weinstein, Legal

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Discussion
  - Brief Federal Budget Update, Mark Dedrick and Terry Heubert
  - State Session Update, Justin Martin
3. Action Items
  - HB 4005A Water Professionals Appreciation Week
  - HB 4036 Affordable Housing - Preservation Bonds
  - HB 4085 Autonomous Vehicles (*did not make deadline*)
  - HB 4161 OGEC Food / Beverage Fix
  - HB 4177 OGEC Serial Communications
  - SB 1567A Affordable Housing - Mixed Income
4. Adjourn

Next scheduled meeting: February 20, 2026

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## Bill Report

Report Date: February 10, 2026

### City of Salem

Bill Number	Bill Sponsor	Position	Last Three Actions	Next Hearing Date
<a href="#">HB 4005 A</a>	Pre-session filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water for Representatives Ken Helm, Mark Owens)	Support	02/10/26 - Third reading. Carried by Boice. Passed. Ayes, 57; Nays, 1--Cate; Excused, 1--Valderrama; Excused for Business of the House, 1--Speaker Fahey. 02/09/26 - Second reading. 02/05/26 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be printed A-Engrossed.	2/10/2026 11:00:00 AM

Relating to Water Professionals Appreciation Week; prescribing an effective date.

Designates the first Saturday of October of each year through the end of the Sunday of the following weekend as Water Professionals Appreciation Week.

2/3/2026 - Water Professionals Appreciation Week is a designated time to recognize and thank the water and wastewater professionals who ensure communities have safe, reliable water and sanitation services. It highlights the essential, often behind-the-scenes work of operators, engineers, technicians, and support staff who protect public health and the environment. The week also helps raise public awareness about the value of water services and promotes careers in the water industry.

<a href="#">HB 4036 INTRO</a>	Pre-session filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Housing and Homelessness for Representative Pam Marsh)	Support	02/10/26 - Work Session held. 02/03/26 - Public Hearing held. 02/02/26 - Referred to Housing and Homelessness with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.	2/10/2026 3:00:00 PM
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Relating to affordable housing; declaring an emergency.

Establishes the Preserve Affordable Homes for Oregon Fund to deposit Article XI-Q bonds to be used to preserve affordable housing at risk of loss.

2/2/2026 - This legislation is the top housing priority for our statewide housing associations this session, including the Housing Authorities of Oregon, the Housing Alliance, and Housing Oregon. Given the limited availability of General Fund resources for additional housing investments, stakeholders have focused on expanding the allowable uses of general obligation bonds to support affordable housing preservation, in addition to new construction.

The Department of Justice recently issued a written opinion affirming that general obligation bonds may be used for this purpose, and the Legislature is expected to receive this guidance during the first week of session. This clarification is significant because, while General Fund capacity is constrained, the Legislature currently has more than \$500 million in bonding capacity. This bill leverages that capacity and aligns with the City's established priorities to expand and preserve affordable housing.

<a href="#">HB 4085 INTRO</a>	Rep Boshart Davis; Rep Dobson; Rep McLain; Rep Pham H; Sen Meek; Sen Reynolds; Sen Starr (Pre-session filed)	Oppose unless amended	02/09/26 - Public Hearing held. 02/02/26 - Referred to Transportation. 02/02/26 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.
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Relating to autonomous vehicles.

Allows a person to operate an autonomous vehicle with the automated driving system engaged without a grant of driving privileges if certain conditions are met.

2/10/2026 - HB 4085 did not meet first session deadline.

2/3/2026 - This bill establishes regulations for self-driving vehicles at the state level, but preempts local laws and rules. The City opposes regulations that prohibit local control. Oppose unless amended to remove prohibitions on local government authority.

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<a href="#">HB 4161</a> <a href="#">INTRO</a>	Rules (H)	Support	02/05/26 - Referred to Rules. 02/05/26 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
<p>Relating to use of official position or office; declaring an emergency.</p> <p>Provides exceptions to the prohibited use by a public official of official position or office to obtain financial gain or avoid financial detriment that permit a public body to give public officials food, beverages and merchandise.</p> <p>2/9/2026 - HB 4161 changes ORS 244.040 to add two additional categories of items a public official may receive without it constituting a ethics violation. HB 4161 would allow public officials to receive: 1) Food and/or beverage provided by a public body "during meetings or other official events held by the public body;" and, 2) Merchandise provided by the public body totaling less than \$100/year in value. HB 4161 is a statutory "fix" to a decision by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission that food and beverages provided by a public body is a financial gain to a public official and is subject to Oregon's ethics laws. HB 4161 will allow the City to provide food and beverage to employees, as well as token merchandise, retirement gifts, thank you presents and so forth without violating state ethics law or otherwise classifying the items as part of an official compensation package. The City should support the bill, as it will allow the City to do away with the cumbersome policy making food and beverage part of employees' official compensation packages. The bill will also allow for practices of employee appreciation – purchasing of treats, coffee, swag, donuts, etc. Things such as City purchased retirement gifts, birthday gifts, anniversary gifts and so forth would be allowed.</p>				

<a href="#">HB 4177</a> <a href="#">INTRO</a>	Rules (H)	Support	02/05/26 - Referred to Rules. 02/05/26 - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.	
<p>Relating to public meetings; prescribing an effective date.</p> <p>Restates the serial communications prohibitions for public meetings law purposes.</p> <p>2/10/2026 - Under Oregon's Public Meetings Law, any deliberation involving a quorum of a public body must occur in a public meeting. Currently "deliberation" is defined as any discussion or communication that is "part of the decision making process." This definition is unclear and the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) has taken a very expansive view of what is included in deliberations, including discussions such as routine information-gathering, identifying issues, and discussions that are not decision related. Additionally, OGEC has taken the view that public officials may violate Public Meetings Law with respect to meeting in private and serial communications regardless of the officials' intent. OGEC's interpretations have had a chilling effect on local government officials and the ability of public bodies to do their work.</p> <p>HB 4177 would amend Oregon's Public Meetings Law to provide a clearer definition of what constitutes a deliberation, namely that the discussion or communication be one in which the members of a governing body "examine, weigh or reflect upon the reasons for or against a decision that is subject to the jurisdiction of the governing body." HB 4177 also makes it clear that Public Meetings Law does not apply to communications that are purely procedural; purely factual or educational; are made to the media, constituents, or members of the public; or are information gathering. HB 4177 also amends Public Meetings Law to prohibit a quorum from meeting in private or using serial communications for the purpose of deliberating or the purpose of circumventing meeting publicly. This would serve to give protections to public officials who engage in conversations not intending to violate the Public Meetings Law.</p> <p>HB 4177 extends the period of time for filing a grievance from thirty to ninety days. Under HB 4177 the public body must still respond to the grievance within twenty-one days but is no longer required to admit or deny the facts and circumstances alleged and whether a public meetings law violation has occurred. Under HB 4177, a public body may cure a violation stated in a grievance by either rescinding the violation or acknowledging the violation in a public meeting and giving good cause for not rescinding the violation. Purely procedural errors may be cured by correcting procedures to ensure it won't happen again. HB 4177 prohibits OGEC from considering a complaint alleging a violation of the Public Meetings Laws if the complainant has not first filed a grievance.</p> <p>HB 4177 requires that the OGEC proceed against the public body instead of a public official if it is determined that the complaint alleges an administrative error, which includes typos on an agenda, linked documents errors, and public meetings notice errors.</p>				



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HB 4177 also amends Oregon's Public Meetings Law to update the manner in which public meetings may be held to include in person, or through electronic or telephonic means, or a combination thereof.

2/5/2026 - Bill Review Requested - Marc Weinstein

<b>SB 1567 A</b>	Rep Chaichi; Rep Chotzen; Rep Gamba; Rep Gomberg; Rep Javadi; Rep Mannix; Rep McDonald; Rep Munoz; Rep Nelson; Rep Nosse; Rep Pham H; Rep Wise; Sen Anderson; Sen Broadman; Sen Frederick; Sen Gelser Blouin; Sen Golden; Sen Meek; Sen Neron Misslin; Sen Patterson; Sen Pham (Pre-session filed)	Support	02/09/26 - Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. 02/09/26 - Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.) 02/05/26 - Work Session held.	
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Relating to mixed income housing; prescribing an effective date.

Authorizes the Housing and Community Services Department to fund mixed income housing.

2/3/2026 - Jessica Blakely - SHA supports funding that allows more flexibility in the rent structure and varying income restrictions. This assists with financial feasibility as well as the ability to provide a space equally to a wide range of income levels. There is a severe shortage of moderate/middle income units within the City of Salem, and the community at large (Residents, developers, and operators) would benefit from this type of funding mechanism. It allows for a wider range of qualified applicants and equal opportunity to housing units within a development.