

# 2025 legislative session roundup

During the 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly, lawmakers faced one of the most difficult budget environments in years while working to fund major priorities like transportation, education, and wildfire preparedness. With more than 3,500 bills introduced, the hospital association engaged on a significant number of bills, securing wins on its top policy priorities and helping to pass legislation supporting Oregon's hospitals and the patients they serve.

## In the 2025 legislative session, the hospital association:



**Tracked more than 400 bills**



**Testified 50 times**



**Activated nearly 1,000 Oregonians**

across all 60 legislative districts to advocate for hospitals and Medicaid funding



**Successfully advocated**

for passage of our policy agenda and other priorities



**Defeated 29 bills**

that would have adversely affected hospitals and amended others to limit impacts



**Secured funding**

that directly supports hospitals and helps fund the Oregon Health Plan (OHP)

## Policy agenda

The hospital association successfully advocated for passage of its policy agenda:



### Improving hospital financial stability

The hospital association played a leading role as part of a coalition that included hospitals, health insurers, CCOs, providers, advocates, and labor unions in successfully advocating for the passage of legislation that supports hospitals and helps fund the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). HB 5025 includes more than \$320M for hospitals through funding of the Disproportionate Share Hospital program and graduate medical education and increases Medicaid funding for maternity services. HB 2010 extends the hospital provider tax and the health insurer and CCO tax that help fund OHP, supporting coverage for one in three Oregonians.



### Addressing patient discharge delays

The hospital association successfully advocated alongside the long-term care association and labor unions for SB 296, which was based on recommendations from the Joint Task Force on Hospital Discharge Challenges and includes increasing the post-hospital extended care benefit from 20 to 100 days.



### Promoting patient-centered health insurer reform

Through a provider coalition, the hospital association advocated for the passage of HB 3134, which represents a meaningful first step in prior authorization reform. The bill brings greater transparency to the prior authorization process and requires reimbursement for emergency procedures that arise during surgery.

# Advocacy in action: policy wins

## ✔ Successfully passed

### HB 2385 | Protecting the 340B program

For years, drug companies have tried to block hospitals from working with pharmacies to dispense 340B medications—but Oregon pushed back. Building on progress from past sessions and in collaboration with our partners at the Oregon Primary Care Association, we successfully advocated for the passage of HB 2385. With the passage of this bill, Oregon joined the small number of states that protect hospitals and other 340B eligible entities from drug companies' efforts to curb use of the program. This is a significant win, especially for our rural members and communities. [A snapshot of our advocacy is here.](#)

### SB 1173 | Product liability protections

When the Oregon Supreme Court opened the door to unnecessary legal exposure, we asked the legislature to close it. As the result of an Oregon Supreme Court case last year, Oregon is the only state in the country whose highest court permits a strict liability claim against hospitals and clinics for defective products even if they didn't design, manufacture, or have any control over the product in question. Passage of SB 1173 was critical to fix the unnecessary legal exposure this case created, which threatens the stability of hospitals and clinics and ultimately their ability to provide care to their communities. [A snapshot of our advocacy is here.](#)

### HB 3294 | Targeted hospital staffing law fix

When the Oregon Health Authority did not implement the hospital staffing law as expected, we worked with the House Speaker's Office and the Oregon Nurses Association to develop a targeted fix. Through a negotiated agreement, HB 3294 will create clarity for health care workers and hospitals related to statutory nurse-to-patient ratios and hospital-wide nurse staffing plans and reduce administrative burden. More steps will be needed, and we plan on engaging in an interim discussion with stakeholders. [A snapshot of our advocacy is here.](#)

### SB 951 | Corporate practice of medicine

As the political winds made it clear Oregon would impose new significant limitations on corporate involvement in medicine, we sought and obtained exemptions for hospitals and hospital-affiliated clinics. Envisioned by the proponents to make sure providers have the final say in health care decisions and not private equity, SB 951 passed with bipartisan support after an unsuccessful discussion in 2024. The hospital association's support throughout this complex discussion was built on an exemption for hospitals and hospital-affiliated clinics, which was included in the final bill.

## ✗ Successfully defeated

### SB 1060 | Hospital price transparency

This session, lawmakers proposed bills that would have increased hospitals' costs without benefiting their patients—but the hospital association pushed back. One of those bills, SB 1060, would have created state hospital price transparency requirements that differed from federal standards, and it would have added new enforcement provisions. The bill went through several amendments to address some of our concerns, but we remained steady in our strong opposition to it, and it ultimately failed to pass. [A snapshot of our advocacy is here.](#)

### HB 2939 | Hospital and service closure notification

We are all concerned about hospital and service line closures. But HB 2939 was not the right solution. HB 2939 would have required hospitals to provide 275-day notice when closing, ending, reducing, or relocating services, and subjected them to civil penalties for non-compliance. The hospital association successfully advocated for the bill to never get a hearing.

### SB 539 | Ban on facility fees

Banning hospital outpatient facility fees would have added to hospitals' financial challenges and put services at risk, which is why the hospital association stopped it. Although this bill moved from two separate Senate committees, the hospital association and our members effectively prevented a Senate floor vote on this bill. This bill is an example of the importance of individual hospital members communicating with their local legislators. [A snapshot of our advocacy is here.](#)

## Other policy wins

### Bills we defeated

SB 2787 | On-call minimum wage  
HB 2796 | Hospital financial reporting  
HB 2794 | Medical device reporting

### Bills we supported

HB 5020 | Funding for public guardians  
HB 3242 | Payment during credentialing  
SB 170 | Assault against employee

# Advocacy in action: the work ahead

## **SB 916**

### **Unemployment insurance for striking workers**

Expanding unemployment insurance to cover workers on strike will lead to longer, more costly labor disputes—putting additional pressure on hospitals. Despite our efforts to oppose it, the bill passed, and we remain concerned about its impact.

Working in partnership with Oregon Business and Industry, counties, school districts, and other employers, we fought hard to defeat the bill, which was a top priority for unions. The final bill reduced the proposed benefit period from 26 weeks to 10, but concerns remain. We expect continued discussions with the business and employer community in the months ahead.

## **HB 2005**

### **Behavioral health omnibus bill**

With widespread acknowledgment that Oregon's behavioral health system should be improved, legislators and stakeholders sought policy solutions.

By the end of session, several proposals were merged into HB 2005, a 78-page bill. We are grateful for the engagement of our members. We look forward to engaging with legislators and other stakeholders on behavioral health topics.

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