



Cap and Trade Bill Released

The much-anticipated Cap and Trade proposal has been released, [LC 894](#). At 98 pages, we understand it will take time to review, digest and understand. If you have feedback to share, please let us know. We want to hear from members about the impact this might have on you. Today, the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction is going over the bill section by section with legislative counsel. On Feb. 8 and Feb. 11, the committee will hear invited testimony. There will be a public hearing on the bill on Feb. 15.

[Here](#) is OBI's statement to the media regarding the introduction of the bill.



Joint Committee on Student Success – Revenue Talks Begin

The Legislature's Joint Committee on Student Success' revenue subcommittee held its first meeting this week and received an overview of potential revenue options. Click [here](#) to read more.

Contact [Mike Stober](#) for questions about Revenue.

Medicaid Funding Bill

[HB 2010](#), the Medicaid funding bill was released this week. The current proposal for filling the Medicaid gap contains an increase in the hospital assessment as well as an increase in the health insurance premium tax from 1.5 percent to 2 percent, and it adds a stop-loss assessment.

Contact [Megan Chuinard](#) for questions about this bill.

Hearings This Week

[HB 2341](#) – OBI told the House Committee on Business and Labor about our concerns regarding this bill, which would require employers to provide accommodations to pregnant employees separate from the existing law governing reasonable accommodations for disabilities.

[SB 409](#) – The Senate Committee on Judiciary held a public hearing on prescription drug importation. Click [here](#) to read a piece from our partners at the National Association of Manufacturers for a national perspective.

Hearings Next Week

Feb. 4: Hearing on rent control legislation [SB 608](#). **Note:** this hearing is expected to start at 3 p.m. and to continue late into the evening.

Feb. 5: Hearing on bill requiring employers to give notice to employees 72 hours in advance of a federal inspection, [SB 370](#).

Feb. 7: Hearing on [SB 379](#), limiting the ability of employers to enforce drug-free workplace policies with regards to marijuana use. **Note:** the committee may hear and vote this bill to the floor immediately.

Feb. 8: Invited Testimony on the carbon bill, [LC 894](#).

For a look at all of the bills OBI is tracking, [click here](#).

Do you have questions about pending legislation? Feel free to contact our team.

Tax and fiscal policies: [Mike Stober](#)

Education and health care policies: [Megan Chuinard](#)

Employment and retail policies: [Paloma Sparks](#)

Environment and energy policies: Position to be filled soon. For now, send questions to [Katie Koenig](#).

A banner with a purple background. On the left, there is a close-up image of a stethoscope. The text is white and reads: "OBI HealthChoice", "Big Business Options on a Small Business Budget", and "LEARN MORE" with a right-pointing arrow icon.

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A banner with a blue background. On the left, there is a group photo of five diverse people in business attire. The text is white and reads: "Smart Oregon Businesses Choose OBI CompSAFE" and "LEARN MORE" with a right-pointing arrow icon.

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Calendar of Events

February 28, 2019

OBI Lobby Day - SAVE THE DATE

We will have a full day of meetings with legislators, a round table lunch and attend a floor session. Please help make this day a success speaking out on behalf of all Oregon businesses.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

May 7, 2019

Annual Meeting & Legislative Reception - SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for OBI's Annual Meeting at the Salem Convention Center. We invite all our members to join us as we bring together business and civic leaders to discuss issues important to business and industry in our state. Watch for registration and more details soon.

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