



*With the Legislature wound down, we will continue our Capitol Central newsletter on a monthly basis.*

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Buy your tickets now for the 2019 Statesman Dinner, which will be held Monday, Oct. 7, at the Portland Art Museum. We are pleased to announce that this year's Statesmen honorees are former Gov. Ted Kulongoski and legendary Oregon businessman and civic leader Gerry Frank. Our keynote speaker for the evening will be U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska. If you would like to acquire tickets click [here](#) or email [Morgan Beltz](#).

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## **2020 OBI Annual Meeting -- Save the Date!**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, Feb. 13, for the OBI Annual Meeting and Lobby Day in Salem! Details to follow soon.

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## **Welcome Rep. Vikki Breese-Iverson**

Rep. Vikki Breese-Iverson was sworn in on Aug. 13 to fill the House District 55 seat that was left vacant when Rep. Mike McLane moved into his new position as a circuit court judge for Jefferson and Crook counties. House District 55 includes Crook County and portions of Deschutes, Jackson, Klamath and Lake counties. Rep. Breese-Iverson is a realtor and a fifth-generation rancher in Central Oregon. While new to this position, she is not new to the Legislature, having previously worked for former Sen. Ted Ferrioli and former House Speaker Karen Minnis. OBI



congratulates Rep. Breese-Iverson and look forwards to working with her.

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## GHG Reporting Rulemaking

Next month, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality will initiate [rulemaking](#) on its Greenhouse Gas Reporting program. Facilities emitting 2,500 metric tons or more of carbon dioxide equivalent during a year are required to report greenhouse gas emissions. The sectors covered are air quality permit holders, landfills, wastewater treatment facilities, fuel distributors, natural gas suppliers and electric utilities.

DEQ plans to incorporate some guidance and protocols into the regulations, streamline reporting requirements, propose an independent third-party verification requirement and address violation and enforcement issues. OBI is closely watching the third-party verification effort to track potential new costs to Oregon employers.

OBI's [Sharla Moffett](#) will be representing members on the rulemaking advisory committee and is working closely with OBI's Air Policy Steering Committee to provide input on this rulemaking as it moves ahead.

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## Willamette Basin Mercury TMDL

DEQ is currently seeking public comment on the [Willamette Basin Mercury Total Maximum Daily Load \(TMDL\) and Water Quality Management Plan \(WQMP\)](#). The TMDL and WQMP will address water bodies that are "impaired" or do not meet current water quality standards. Although most mercury is attributed to sources outside the U.S. and settles on Oregon's landscape through precipitation, many municipal, industrial and natural resource sectors are required to reduce mercury in their operations.

The TMDL and WQMP proposes reducing mercury in stormwater discharges by 75% and a reduction from nonpoint sources such as agriculture and forestry of 88%. OBI is currently evaluating the proposal and developing comments in response to these major reductions. The public comment period for the TMDL and WQMP ends Sept. 3. Please contact [Sharla Moffett](#) with comments or concerns about this DEQ effort.

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## Transportation Committee

At the request of several members and in light of resumed talks about replacing the I-5 bridge, OBI is re-establishing a Transportation Committee. If you or a member of your company team would like to be on the committee, please email [Sharla Moffett](#), the policy team member who will staff the committee. We plan to have a meeting in September.



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## BOLI Publishes Guidance on Federal Inspection Law

[SB 370](#), passed during the 2019 legislative session, requires employers to provide notice to employees about pending federal inspections if the employer themselves have received notice. Advocates for the legislation generally focused on possible Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) inspections. The law was passed without any enforcement mechanism but did require the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) to publish rules and model notices for employers to use to notify employees. BOLI has published the model notice in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Russian and Vietnamese. They have also published frequently asked questions. You can access the model notice and FAQs [here](#).

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## CAT Rulemaking

The Oregon Department of Revenue has issued a notice about rulemaking for the Corporate Activity Tax (CAT), indicating the beginning of the rulemaking process for this complex new tax passed by the 2019 Legislature. The Revenue Department has indicated it will hold stakeholder meetings across the state, with details expected later.

Initial draft rules are expected in January 2020. The department is gathering stakeholder input to identify issues, has said the first priority will be resolving issues regarding registration and estimated payment requirements. You can send questions and feedback directly to the CAT policy team at [cat.help@dor.oregon.gov](mailto:cat.help@dor.oregon.gov). You can sign up for updates on the [CAT website](#).

OBI will remain engaged throughout the rulemaking process. Please contact [Mike Stober](#) if you have questions or would like more information.

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## NEWS

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