**PUBLIC AFFAIRS** COMMISSION PRESENTATION



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# **FEDERAL UPDATES**

#### **COVID-19 Relief: American Rescue Plan**

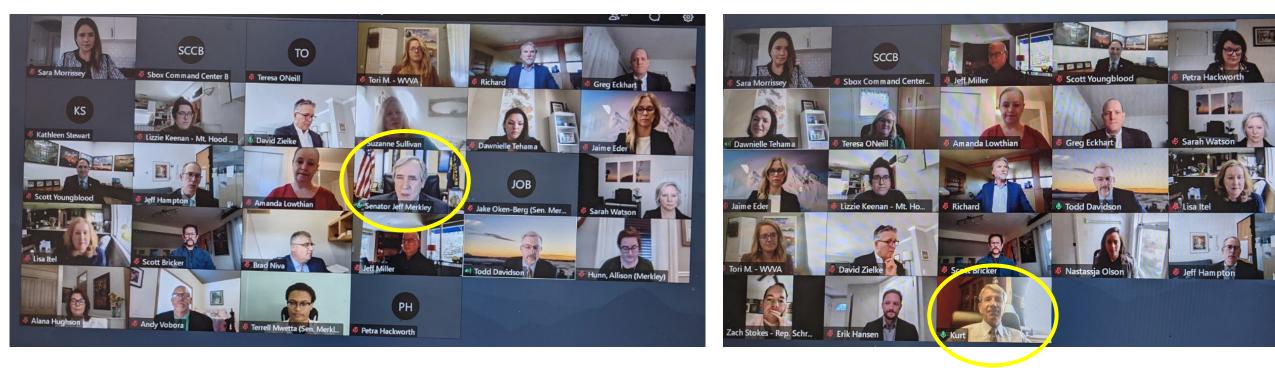
- \$1.9 trillion total
  - \$28.6B in a Restaurant Revitalization Fund
  - \$3B in EDA grants 25% floor for tourism and outdoor recreation projects
  - \$2.6B for State of Oregon
  - \$15B targeted EIDL advance program
  - \$1.25B to Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program

#### **Destination Capitol Hill – March 17**

- Advocate for federal policies that support the tourism industry
  - Support the Paycheck Protection Program Extension Act of 2021 – *passed!*
  - Cosponsor and advance the Hospitality and Commerce Job Recovery Act – *still active*
  - Protect the future of Brand USA
  - Work with US Travel on their development of a plan to restore professional meetings and events



### **DESTINATION CAPITOL HILL**



Senator Merkley

Congressman Schrader

# **STATE UPDATES**

#### **Joint Ways & Means Committee**

 April 30<sup>th</sup> legislative fiscal office biennial report on semiindependent agencies

#### House Special Committee on Wildfire Recovery

 April 12<sup>th</sup> presentation on Travel Oregon's programming that provides resources to wildfire impacted communities and businesses

#### **Governor's Office Meeting – Campaign Launch**

• April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with Governor's policy advisor to discuss campaign launch date.

### Department of Revenue – Local Transient Lodging Tax Collection Program

• Program launched for cities / counties but still working through implementation challenges.



## **STATE UPDATES**

#### Priority 1

BILL #	SUMMARY	STATUS
HB 2521	Requires transient lodging tax collector to provide invoice, receipt or other similar document that clearly sets forth sum of all transient lodging taxes charged for occupancy of transient lodging.	Passed house. Senate public hearing held, waiting to schedule work session

#### \*Travel Oregon has submitted letter of support

BILL #	SUMMARY	STATUS
HB 2564*	Establishes Willamette Falls Locks Authority as public corporation. Prescribes duties of authority. Modifies duties of Willamette Falls Locks Commission. Sunsets commission on June 30, 2022	Still active in House.
HB 2593*	Permits Office of Emergency Management to enter into agreement with nonprofit organization representing sheriffs under which organization is authorized to administer program to produce and sell outdoor recreation search and rescue cards.	In Ways and Means
HB 3010*	Requires media production companies seeking reimbursement under Oregon Production Investment Fund programs to perform certain actions related to diversity, equity and inclusion with respect to production for which reimbursement is sought.	Passed House. Waiting for senate work session to be scheduled.
SB 43*	Extends sunsets for labor rebate for qualifying film production and tax credit for certified film production development contributions.	Active in Tax Expenditures.

### **STATE UPDATES**

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HB 2600	Delays sunset of Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund	In House – Ag. & NR
HB 2125	Authorizes State Treasurer, at request of State Parks and Recreation Department, to issue lottery bonds for biennium beginning July 1, 2021, for deposit in Oregon Parks for the Future Fund.	In Ways and Means
HB 2171	Directs Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee to consult with Office of Outdoor Recreation when making recommendations regarding use of Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund moneys.	In Ways and Means
HB 2290	Requires OPRD to develop, implement and periodically update plan for installation and service of public electric vehicle charging stations in parking spaces that re part of facilities of state park system.	Passed. Waiting for Gov. signature
HB 2533	Directs OPRD to study and make recommendations regarding state park use fees.	In House – Ag. & NR
SB 542	Establishes Task Force on Vehicle Charging Stations	In Ways and Means
HB 3162*	Designates May 22 of each year as Crater Lake National Park Day	Passed House. Senate work session 5/10.
HB 3244*	Increases maximum amount of tax credits (from \$14M to \$20M) for certified film production development contributions that may be certified for fiscal year for all taxpayers.	House work session 5/6.

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