



League of Oregon Cities 2027-28 Legislative Priorities Voting

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SUMMARY AND REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

As a member of the League of Oregon Cities (LOC), Coburg has been asked to review a list and summary description of 27 legislative policy priorities developed by seven statewide elected and appointed City officials and LOC staff and submit a vote for its five highest ranking priorities from the list of 23 policy priorities provided below and attached.

Suggested Motion

I move to accept the staff recommendation for the City of Coburg's top legislative priorities to submit to the League of Oregon Cities to support the LOC efforts on behalf of its member jurisdictions in the upcoming two-year Oregon Legislative cycle.

BACKGROUND

In advance of the upcoming Oregon Legislature's 2027-28 Legislative Session in February of 2027, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) assembles a comprehensive list of issues from its local government municipal membership. This is accomplished with the creation of seven statewide policy committees, comprised of elected and appointed officials from local governments across the state with a focus on representation from cities small, mid and large, as well as from all regions of the state. LOC staff facilitates the policy committee meetings, provides the initial policy framework, supports the committees with background materials, context of prior legislative history and other valuable technical information that aids in the committee's discussion and final recommendations within its committee scope.

The seven committees for this cycles policy development process include:

- Broadband, Cybersecurity, AI, and Telecommunications
- General Government
- Housing, Land Use, and Community Development
- Energy and Environment
- Finance, Taxation, and Economic Development
- Transportation
- Water and Wastewater Committee

Local governments throughout the State (and nationally) are experiencing significant financial

challenges hampering their ability to meet the expectations of their communities as well as to maintain acceptable levels of operations and maintenance services levels to meet regulatory requirements.

Selecting and submitting Coburg's top legislative priorities allows LOC to carry the Coburg City Council's local voice forward, along with the many other cities that share similar concerns and have similar challenges to face. As the 2027-28 Legislative session gets underway, staff will continue to monitor and take advantage of opportunities to work with LOC and other similar local government focused groups to voice concerns and issues important to Coburg.

Below is a list of the 27 legislative priorities available to narrow to Coburg's selection of its five top choices to submit back to LOC: (the full title and background of each item is available in the attached Voting Guide)

Broadband, Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Telecommunications Committee

- Promote the equitable Development of Sustainable Telecom Infrastructure
- Maintain Local Control of a Safe, Modern Right of Way
- Support Equitable Access to Technology
- Support Responsible Municipal Use of Technology
- Support Municipal Cybersecurity Proficiency

General Government Committee

- Administrative Procedures Act Reform
- Public Meetings Law Clarity

Housing, Lane Use, and Community Development Committee

- Funding and Coordination for Shelter and Homeless Response
- Full Funding and Streamlining for Housing Production
- Land Availability and Land Use Streamlining

Energy and Environment Committee

- Invest in Community Energy Resilience/Disaster Planning
- Support Expedited Local Renewable Energy Generation
- Support Increased Energy Transmission Capacity
- Maintain Affordable Energy While Supporting Grid Hardening and Modernization
- Resource Programs for Energy Efficiency Planning and Project Development
- Support Administrative Capacity

Finance, Taxation and Economic Development Committee

- Targeted Prevailing Wage Changes
- Alcohol Revenue Modernization
- Emergency Communication System Resources

- Strengthening Economic and Workforce Development

Transportation Committee

- 2027 Transportation Package
- Cautious Adoption of Autonomous Vehicles
- City Supported Street Sign Traditions
- Community Safety and Neighborhood Livability

Water and Wastewater Committee

- Infrastructure Funding
- Water Re-use
- Ratepayer Assistance
- Water Workforce Development

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommended top five legislative priorities are as follows (in order of ballot, not priority ranked):

- Public Meeting Law Clarity
- Invest in Community Energy Resilience/Disaster Planning
- 2027 Transportation Package
- Infrastructure Funding
- Ratepayer Assistance

BUDGET / FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this agenda item and submittal to LOC, however, the recommended priorities contain potential future state/federal funding resources that would benefit Coburg and its delivery of core services to the community.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

No specific public involvement has occurred with this agenda item. Staff priority recommendations are informed by both Council dialogue and decisions in prior Council meetings as well as community input in those meetings. Additionally, both the City Administrator and Mayor Bell regularly attend LOC regional meetings where legislative issues are presented, discussed and debated which also inform the above recommendations.

NEXT STEPS

Upon Council selection of its top five priorities, Staff will submit the final list to LOC prior to the deadline of September 25, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

1. LOC 2026 Member Voting Guide
2. LOC Priority Options Voting List

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