



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** September 22, 2025

**SUBJECT:** County Priorities for 2026 Legislative Short Session

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The 2026 Oregon Legislative Session is scheduled to run from February 2, 2026 – March 9, 2026. Legislative Concept (LCs) drafts are due by November 21, 2025. Doug Riggs has met individually with most of the Central Oregon Legislators over the past few weeks to discuss their individual priorities for the upcoming session. Each legislator has the opportunity to put forth a small number of LCs for the short session. Doug will discuss the expected priorities of the legislators and along with staff discuss potential priorities for the Commissioners' consideration going into the short session.

A few top priorities for consideration include:

- Community Corrections Funding
- Public Health Modernization Funding
- Behavioral Health
  - 4092 workgroup (reducing administrative burden)
  - Joint taskforce on regional BH accountability
- Transportation Bill (dependent on outcome of the special session)

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

None

**ATTENDANCE:**

Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager  
Doug Riggs, County Lobbyist  
Deevy Holcomb, Director, Community Justice  
Holly Harris, Director, Health Services  
Chris Doty, Director, Road Department