



CITY OF TUALATIN

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

FROM: Megan George, Deputy City Manager

DATE: April 27, 2026

SUBJECT:
2026 State Legislative Session Recap and Federal Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2026 Oregon Legislative Session began on February 9, 2026, and ended in just 33 days on March 6, 2026. In total, the Legislature considered 304 measures, and 104 bills were sent to Governor Kotek's desk for signature. The city's lobbyist, Thorn Run Partners, submitted their *2026 Session Overview* in mid-March and the League of Oregon Cities posted their *2026 Session Summary* in early April. Both are attached to this staff report.

Thorn Run's efforts were guided by themes and priorities adopted by the City Council on September 22, 2025. The priorities are attached to this staff report, and the themes are listed below.

- Transportation
- Housing
- Social services
- Resiliency and emergency preparedness
- Environment
- Downtown revitalization
- Local control and unfunded mandates
- Capital projects
- Economic stimulation

Tonight, Thorn Run will provide an update on advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels, including progress made towards the city's legislative priorities.

At a later date, the Planning Division will bring updates to the City Council on housing-related bills passed in the 2025 and 2026 legislative sessions. The 2026 session included a Housing Omnibus Bill (HB 4037) that modified local government review processes for housing development. Additionally, there are several housing-related bills that were approved in the 2025 session that will become effective later this year. Many of these bills will trigger necessary amendments to the Tualatin Development Code and the Planning Division has budgeted for consultant support to comprehensively update the Tualatin Development Code to reflect state law changes over the last several years. In the interim, the Planning Division has summarized current/upcoming legislative changes on the city's website in order to provide general awareness for prospective developers and the community.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Presentation
- Attachment – 2026 Session Overview, Thorn Run Partners
- Attachment – 2026 Session Summary, League of Oregon Cities
- Attachment – 2026 State Legislative Agenda
- Attachment – 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda