

The Clackamas County Business Alliance Government Affairs Committee met on 1/8/25 at 3:00 PM at the Carver Community Event Center.

Attending were these legislators who gave voice to their priorities for the 2025 Oregon Legislative Session.

Senator Mark Meek (D) Oregon City

- * Newly appointed to the Joint Committee on Transportation - will find new funding for the Oregon transportation system during the 2025 Legislative Session.

- * Will support the repeal of HB 3115, the "Right to Rest Bill", which would give local government more flexibility to address homelessness after the Supreme Court Decision on the Grants Pass case made HB 3115 more restrictive of local authorities to address homelessness.

- * Supports Liability Waiver Reform and the "Protect Oregon Recreation" Legislative initiative, which would establish a higher standard of evidence for bringing a tort lawsuit against Outdoor Recreation Providers and legally recognize the doctrine of the "inherent risk" of outdoor recreation.

- * Will hear bills to reform the estate tax in Oregon.

Rep Jeff Helfrich (R) Hood River

- * Supports the "Protect Oregon Recreation" Legislation to protect outdoor recreation providers against tort liability exposure. Also, it supports the restoration of Recreational Immunity to local governments that provide trails and other outdoor recreation from lawsuits brought by people using these trails for recreation and better defines recreation on public property.

- * Supports the repeal of the Corporate Activities Tax (CAT), which is levied on Oregon business transactions of over \$1 million in gross receipts.

- * Supports the restoration of the Hood River and Cascade Locks Bridges and will work to make new transportation taxes adequate and fair to support the maintenance needs of the Oregon Transportation system.

- * Is concerned about over-regulation of the agricultural industry and will seek regulatory relief for farmers.

Rep Alyssa Hartman (D) Gladstone

- * Will focus on funding improvements to Oregon's drinking water infrastructure.

* Will work to provide additional housing, especially low-income housing, to meet the needs of houseless Oregonians. Will also explore ways to offer incentives for homebuilding and infill housing. It is concerned about inadequate housing for Oregon's farmworkers.

* Support finding revenue for Oregon's transportation system. Supports the current 50 State/30 County/20 City Transportation Funding for Oregon's Transportation system. She will look for equity in how Oregonians pay for their highways.

* She is concerned about the increase in electric energy rates and will look for ways to protect consumers through a stronger public utility commission role in electric utility rate setting.

I met and briefly discussed with **Clackamas County Commission Chair Craig Roberts** and **Commissioner Paul Savas**:

Chair Roberts is pleased to work with Wilsonville and would like to meet soon with the new City Council to identify ways to work together.

Commissioner Sava has been focused on transportation policy and is pleased to work with Wilsonville on ways to meet city and county transportation needs.

This was a good opportunity to connect with business and legislative leaders from Clackamas County and hear legislative priorities that benefit the companies and people of Clackamas County. Wilsonville is a member of the Clackamas County Business Alliance, and our Government Affairs team is an active member of the Government Affairs Committee, bringing Wilsonville's priorities to this committee monthly.