

2025 Clackamas County

State Legislative Policy Agenda



Clackamas County is urban, suburban, rural, and wild. We are dedicated to welcoming new residents and businesses and committed to delivering community services that are dependable, accessible, and equitable to the public.



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COUNTY INITIATIVES



Clackamas County Recovery Campus

Secure \$20 million in additional funding to support the development and construction of the Clackamas County recovery campus, which will increase the number of beds available for substance abuse treatment. In line with our planned recovery-oriented system of care (ROSC), the recovery campus will offer person-centered support, treatment, and resources to help achieve and sustain long-term recovery for individuals overcoming substance use disorders. The county purchased a property for the campus in 2024, and community engagement is underway.



2025 Transportation Package

Advocate for long-term transportation funding that protects the 50/30/20 distribution in the State Highway Fund, funds the projects committed by the state legislature in 2017 without burdening local communities, addresses safety and deferred maintenance projects, and supports housing and job growth. Transportation priorities in 2025 include:

- Completing the HB 2017 commitments, including the entire I-205 Improvements Project
- Supporting infrastructure investments like the Sunrise Corridor to promote housing and job growth for our fastest-growing cities
- Improving transit ridership and rider connections between urban and rural providers
- Advancing safety improvements in rural communities, including Mt. Hood

COUNTY PRIORITIES

- Advocate for legislation that provides **full cost, predictable revenue, and reasonable liability protection** for local governments providing state-mandated and contracted services. Oppose unfunded or partially funded mandates from the state.
- Advance policies and funding to **address the housing and homelessness crisis** and to meet housing and employment growth goals. Ensure a **balanced approach to land use planning** and oppose legislation that limits or erodes local land use authority. Prioritize infrastructure investments that **rapidly advance housing production goals**.
- Support action to address Measure 110's impact on public safety, homelessness, and our communities and pursue funding for a **recovery-oriented system of care**, including legislation that separates the deflection program formula from the M110 Oversight and Accountability Council and reconfigures the formula to meet the needs and size of the communities being served.
- Support legislation to clarify **the thresholds for civil commitment** for essential mental health treatment and provide **adequate funding** for such care.
- Support legislation and funding to **reduce PFAS* in the environment and water systems and protect the county from undue liability from pass-through chemicals**. Clackamas County is dedicated to protecting public health and the environment.
* Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)
- Support policies and funding to make homes, businesses, communities more resilient to natural hazards and disasters. Ensure the responsible and sustainable **management of forestlands** for **wildfire prevention and predictable revenue to counties**.
- Support legislation that creates a **standard statewide process** for county foreclosure surplus claims in response to the Supreme Court decision Tyler v. Hennepin County.



LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

Clackamas County's policy positions will be guided by the five strategic goals below.



Build a Strong Infrastructure

The county supports legislation that encourages long-term investments in major infrastructure projects to improve the quality of life of county residents. Successful legislation will ease congestion, expand travel options, enhance seismic and climate resiliency, spur economic growth, stimulate employment opportunities, increase housing inventory, broaden telecommunication access, and promote science-based and ratepayer-minded water quality protections.



Ensure Safe, Healthy, and Secure Communities

The county supports legislation that improves the health, safety, and well-being of all county residents and communities. Successful legislation will support access to community assets, such as parks and libraries, and assist vulnerable populations, including residents who are facing homelessness, substance abuse and addictions, behavioral health challenges, and public health threats. Legislation also should help to reduce the rate of crime and recidivism, promote and sustain best practices for justice-involved individuals, improve emergency communications and disaster preparedness, and protect survivors of domestic violence and child abuse.



Grow a Vibrant Economy

The county supports legislation that incentivizes businesses to grow and prosper. Successful legislation will ensure the county has dedicated resources for attracting and growing industries, workforce, and childcare, and has access to an adequate supply of shovel-ready employment lands to expand economic development opportunities.



Honor, Utilize, Promote & Invest in our Natural Resources

The county supports legislation that ensures effective and sustainable management and conservation of our abundant natural and agricultural resources. Successful legislation will stimulate and preserve the integrity of our natural resource-based economy, reduce and sequester carbon emissions and enhance wildfire and natural hazard resiliency.



Build Public Trust through Good Government

The county supports legislation that enhances the county's ability to deliver effective, reliable, and equitable services to residents. Successful legislation will maintain the county's financial sustainability, allocate sufficient resources, preserve state and county shared revenue agreements, support county efforts to attract and retain qualified employees, and ensure adequate community engagement. Legislation should not impose unfunded mandates, preempt local tax sources, or restrict local government authority.