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## Legislative Update



Healthy People, Thriving Communities



#### WASHINGTON COUNTY Public Health













## **Oregon State Legislature**

- -2022 session ended on March 7<sup>th</sup>
- Added nearly \$2.7 billion in spending to the budget approved last year
- Priorities for new spending were housing, homelessness, mental health care, and childcare

# Washington County Legislative Priorities

- Provide long-term COVID-19 response and recovery for our communities
- Restore funding to, and cost recovery for, County programs and services with a focus on the County Law Library and Juvenile Conciliation Services
- Secure long-term stability of revenues provided to the county by the state that offsets investments of local revenues

## Legislation We Were Watching

- HB 4058 and SB 1536 Cooling during heat events
- -SB 1554 Public health response study bill
- HB 4052 Declares racism as a public health crisis
- SB 1555 Universal home visiting insurance reimbursement

### **OPHA Policy Priorities**

- •SB 1568 Compassionate medical release
- HCR 203 Protecting Oregon workers from climate and hazard disasters
- HB 4013 Homeless youth services expansion & homelessness prevention
- •HB 4005 Childcare for Oregon