

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Accept the City of Portland 2021 State Legislative Agenda (Report)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of the 2021 State Legislative Agenda is to advance the City's legislative priorities at the Oregon State Legislature. The Office of Government Relations opened the state legislative agenda building process in July 2020. One work session was held with Council on November 10th, 2020. This report will provide guidance for lobbying and advocacy efforts during the 2021 State Legislative Session.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The outcome of lobbying and advocacy efforts on several items in the Report on the 2021 State Legislative Agenda could have a direct or indirect impact on City finances by defending existing revenue streams and potentially expanding funding opportunities for programs facilitated by the city, programs that support Portlanders, and initiatives to address the impacts of the COVID-19 public health and economic crises. The Report does not amend the budget, change expenses, or change current or future revenues or staffing levels.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The Office of Government Relations (OGR) initiated the legislative agenda building process in July 2020. Issue proposals were solicited from all City bureaus and Council offices. OGR worked with bureau liaisons, city attorneys, the Office of Equity and Human Rights, council offices and bureau subject matter experts to research and vet concepts for inclusion in the 2021 State Legislative Agenda. Bureaus were required to submit a racial equity analysis as part of issue proposals and engage with bureau equity managers and/or Results Based Accountability trained staff.

OGR met with representatives of community-based organizations to share preliminary concepts, learn about their priorities, and develop strategies for collaboration. Multiple initiatives in the agenda will result in OGR working with coalitions to implement the agenda, including those led by BIPOC and frontline communities. Examples include the Oregon Cannabis Equity Act coalition and the Oregon Clean Energy Opportunity Coalition. OGR also met with key legislators in Portland and around the state and other governments as part of vetting, coalition building, and understanding the 2020 state legislative landscape.

The resulting agenda centers racial equity and disability equity in the City's state policy and budget advocacy work. This commitment is the foundation for all advocacy in the 2021 State Legislative Agenda. The City's 2021 State Legislative Agenda prioritizes six outcomes: eliminating racial disparities, improving police accountability, stabilizing

individuals and families, supporting Portland businesses and nonprofits, advancing climate and environmental justice, and preserving and enhancing local authority. Successful implementation of the 2021 State Legislative Agenda will impact Portland residents by:

- Enacting anti-racist public policy and budget allocations that advance equitable outcomes for Portlanders and Oregonians;
- Improving police accountability through public safety solutions that are responsive to the needs of the community and allow Portlanders to feel safe;
- Ensuring Portland families and individuals will remain housed with their essential needs met through the remainder of the COVID-19 public health and economic crisis, including funding for rent assistance and behavioral health services;
- Stabilizing the economy through resources and policies that promote an equitable recovery for workers, small businesses, major employers, and community and non-profit organizations;
- Advancing the transition to clean energy, reducing energy costs for low-income and frontline communities, and building resilience and stability for BIPOC communities; and
- Expanding and enhancing ability of the City to nimbly and effectively respond to the needs of the Portland community.

100% Renewable Goal:

The Report on the City of Portland 2021 State Legislative Agenda includes support for legislation to invest in a swift transition to clean energy, including a full, just, and equitable decarbonization of Oregon’s energy sector. This support complements the City’s goal of meeting 100 percent of community-wide energy needs with renewable energy by 2050.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
 NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount