



Board of County Commissioners  
Board Work Session  
Wednesday, June 7th, 2023  
2:00pm to 3:00pm  
3000 Pacific Avenue SE, Room 110

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## **AGENDA**

### **I. 2023 Legislative Session Summary Briefing – *Informational***

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# 2023 Legislative Session Wrap-Up

## Thurston County

Debora Munguia  
June 7, 2023

# Agenda

- Legislative Overview
- 2021-23 Budgets
- County Priorities
- Additional Issue Areas of Interest
- Looking Ahead and Next Steps

# Legislative Overview

- 105-day biennial budget legislative session
  - Operating, Capital and Transportation Biennial Budgets Adopted
- Democrats have a 29-20 majority in the Senate and a majority of 58-40 in the House.

# 2021-23 Budgets

## Operating

- \$69.3B Operating Budget (\$4.7B new spending; \$3B in reserves)
  - Behavioral health (\$1.2B)
  - Public schools (\$2.9B in new spending)
  - Affordable housing (\$519M – combined with Capital budget exceed \$1B)
  - Climate investments (\$400M)

# 2021-23 Budgets

## Capital

- \$9 billion Capital Budget (\$4.7B financed with GO bonds, leaves \$95.4 million in bond capacity for 2024 supplemental)
  - \$400M for Housing Trust Fund
  - \$170M for additional investments in affordable housing and shelters
  - \$224M for community-based behavioral health facilities
  - \$613M for a 350-bed forensic hospital at Western State
  - \$400M to PWAA for competitive awards
  - \$25M for CERB
  - \$423.8M for clean energy, energy efficiency and climate adaptation
  - \$50M as match for federal BEAD (broadband, equity, access & deployment) program

# 2021-23 Budgets

## Transportation

- \$13.5B Transportation budget (phasing 2021-2029)
  - Continuation of CW projects (\$16B) and Move Ahead (\$17B)
  - \$5.4B to fund highway improvements and preservation
  - \$1B towards the state's fish passage barriers
  - Traffic safety
  - Reducing carbon emissions (bicycle/ped infrastructure; public transit services, electrify ports and other transportation equipment)
  - Declining revenue

# Thurston County Legislative Priorities

- Maintain judicial reimbursement
- SVP LRA placement
- Veterans' Programs, Mental Health & DD Needs
- ITA Funding
- Elections Building
- SW Ag Park
- Deschutes Watershed Council



# Additional Issue Areas of Interest

- Housing
- Blake Response
- Public Safety
- Climate Laws



# Looking Ahead and Next Steps

- Legislative changes
- Legislative delegation meetings
- Interim work
- Develop 2024 Legislative Agenda