

LAST CHANCE to Attend January Membership Meeting!

LAST CHANCE to [GET YOUR TICKETS](#)! The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce's January membership meeting program will feature our annual State of the County update presented by the 2025 chair of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, the honorable Tim Freeman. The chamber's first membership meeting of 2026 is January 12, from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm in the Community Conference Hall at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Complex.

Tickets for the January membership meeting are [on sale online until noon tomorrow](#). The cost for RACC members is \$30 per person or \$175 for a table of six; non-members and general public tickets are \$50 per person. Lunch is included. Advanced ticket purchase is required to attend the January 12 membership meeting; admission tickets are not available at the door. Online ticket sales only. **The deadline to purchase tickets is noon on Wednesday, January 7.**

The chamber's January membership meeting lunch program is generously sponsored by [Avista Utilities](#).

LAST CHANCE for 2026 Season Passes!

LAST CHANCE to [GET YOUR SEASON PASSES](#)! The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce's 2026 membership meeting lunch schedule is set. Season passes will ONLY be available for purchase UNTIL NOON TOMORROW, January 7, 2026. After the January 7 deadline, members will need to purchase individuals tickets for each of the lunches in advance of the events. Season passes are an exclusive benefit available only to RACC members.

Your season pass includes the seven membership meeting lunches (including our annual awards lunch in March) for 2026. The 2026 membership meeting lunch schedule is: January 12, March 9, April 13, May 18, September 21, October 19 and November 16. Individual season passes for 2026 are at a discount of \$210 per person and may be purchased [ONLINE HERE](#).

Get your season pass(es) now and ensure your seat at the table for each of these membership events. **Season passes are only available to Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce members in good standing, as a member-only benefit, and are not transferable.**

Advocacy to Protect Business in 2026

The "short" 2026 Oregon Legislative session is limited to 35 days. It begins on February 2 with a mandatory adjournment date of Sunday, March 8. There will be a limited number of bills considered (somewhere in the neighborhood of 250-300 total bills) as legislators are limited to two bills each.

In addition to actively supporting the efforts to repeal HB 3115 (RACC has joined the statewide business coalition to address outdated homelessness law, more on this coming soon), there are a number of legislative issues the chamber will monitor, provide testimony and issue "Action Alerts" to our membership, under the chamber's [2025-26 Public Affairs & Legislative Agenda](#).

There is expectation that the session will be focused on an Oregon-specific response to the federal 'Big Beautiful Bill' (HR 1). Upon passage of the bill, the tax cuts for individuals and businesses were estimated to reduce Oregon tax collections by about \$800 million.

This is due to the fact that federal tax cuts "flow through" to state tax returns unless the Oregon legislature expressly chooses to "disconnect" from the federal tax cuts and disallow those tax cuts on Oregon tax returns. Under this scenario, taxpayers still receive the tax cuts on their federal tax returns, but not on their state taxes.

As of right now, the legislature is currently looking at a nearly \$70 million 'deficit' that it must climb out of. Prior to passage of HR 1, the state was in a cash surplus position of about \$500 million. A comprehensive list of tax policies Democratic leadership is considering can be found [HERE](#).

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce (OSCC) has learned of the following framework that will be considered during the 2026 session. OSCC shared this information so RACC and our members will be better prepared to advocate for business on this issue during the session.

The 2026 framework as we currently understand it includes:

1. Disallowing the “no tax on interest” for Oregon taxpayers who purchase and finance a US-assembled passenger vehicle. This is estimated to generate \$35 million per year to the state.
2. Means-testing the “no tax on overtime.” Federal law allows for a \$12,500 deduction per taxpayer (\$25,000 joint) that phases out starting at an annual income of \$150,000 (\$300,000 joint). Oregon will consider phasing out this deduction at much lower income levels. The full application of this law reduces state revenues by about \$95 million per year.
3. Disallowing home mortgage interest deduction on all secondary residential properties. The full home mortgage interest deduction law currently saves taxpayers about \$500 million per year in Oregon.
4. Placing a state cap on itemized deductions at 95% of the amount claimed on federal tax returns or, a 5% “haircut” on the amount an Oregon taxpayer can claim on their itemized tax deductions. This would likely generate around \$80 million in additional tax revenue to the state.
5. A total disconnect from all federal bonus depreciation and expense benefits. This HR 1 benefit to business permanently allows businesses to more quickly write down the cost of “Cap Ex” on machinery and equipment. It also applies to “production property.” This change would increase tax burden on Oregon businesses by about \$120 million per year.
6. A full disconnect on preferred treatment of qualified small business stock. Current law allows an exclusion of 50% of the gain from the sale or exchange of some small business stock. This would amount to a \$40 million annual tax increase on owners of small businesses.
7. Expansion of Earned Income Tax Credit and a new tax credit for job creation. OSCC has learned that some of these tax increases will be used to increase the amount of Oregon’s refundable Earned Income Tax Credit for low income taxpayers and also on a nascent “job creation tax credit” that has yet to be defined. RACC joins with the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce in its skepticism about the efficacy of any job creation tax credit that is coupled with a tax policy that would de-incentivize capital investment.

RACC will continue to update members on this matter and other 2026 legislative issues as we get closer to the session.

Be BOLD in 2026!

Last Chance to Secure Your Company’s Bold Listing in 2026 *InUmpqua* Magazine. While the advertising deadline has passed for the chamber’s 2026 *InUmpqua* (a business directory, community profile and visitor magazine), there’s still time to reserve a **bold** and **highlighted** listing in the 2026 publication. The \$75 bold/highlighted listing fee will be invoiced. To reserve your organization’s enhanced listing [Email Us](#) by Friday, January 30, 2026. See our [2025 *InUmpqua*](#) digital edition online.

Wishing everyone a very happy and prosperous new year!

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