



Don't Miss RACC's Annual Award Lunch

GET TICKETS! The 71st annual meeting of the membership and awards lunch is Monday, March 16 and tickets are on sale now. The The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce will honor 2025 businesses of the year and First Citizens. Chamber leadership will share the organization's activities for the past year and discuss future priorities. The annual meeting and awards lunch is generously sponsored by [Acrisure NW \(Umpqua Insurance\)](#) & [Lone Rock Resources](#).

The [deadline to purchase tickets](#) online is noon, Tuesday, March 10. The March 16 event is held in the Community Conference Hall at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Complex from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm: Networking at 11:45 pm / Lunch at 12:15 pm / Program at 12:45 pm.

What's on Our 2026 Oregon Legislative Agenda?

The 2026 session officially kicked off this today and the next 35 days of the short session will move fast. With timelines tight for hearings and movement of bills out of committees, we can expect to see most policy bill discussions this week, with tax bill discussions later in the session. Here are the bills the Roseburg Area Chamber is most closely watching for needed action:

SUPPORTING

[SB 1510](#)—Extend/expand Oregon's expired "SALT cap workaround," to allow Oregon businesses to lower federal tax burden in alignment with other states

[SB 1514](#)—Repeal or modify HB 3115, an outdated statute severely restricting local government' ability to respond to unsanctioned public camping

[SB 1586](#)—Jobs, Opportunity and Build-Ready Sites Act (JOBS Act)

[SB 1593](#) and [HB 4071](#)—Allowing recreational liability waivers except in cases of gross negligence

[HB 4073](#)—Administrative law reform, rulemaking transparency, outreach and criteria

[HB 4102](#)—Allow expedited regulatory review conducted by DEQ-authorized third parties

OPPOSING

[SB 1505](#)—Home care labor/workforce standards boards

[SB 1507](#)—Imposition of vaguely detailed retail sales tax framework

[SB 1541](#)—Climate change cost recovery measure (superfund program)

[SB 1562](#) and [HB 4148](#)—Redirecting transient lodging tax (TLT) revenues away from tourism (intended use)

[HB 4015](#)—Federal tax code disconnect, increasing tax burden on individuals and businesses

[HB 4094](#)—Mandatory accrued vacation time payout

[HB 4098](#)—Regulate insurance under Unlawful Trade Practices Act

[HB 4134](#)—Increase statewide transient lodging tax (TLT) to fund unrelated programs

Please consider joining . . . WE HAVE!

[Join the Coalition to Repeal HB 3115](#) (unsanctioned public camping law repeal)

[Join the Coalition to Save Tourism Jobs](#) (protect the intended/best use of transient lodging tax—TLT—funds)

[Join Protect Oregon Recreation Coalition](#) (damaging impact of Oregon's Waiver Liability Standards to rec industry)

We encourage RACC members to utilize the [Oregon Legislative Information System \(OLIS\)](#) for the most current information about bill specifics and status of proposed legislation during the upcoming session.

Who Will Be Our 2025 Businesses of the Year?

It Could Be You! Has your business been operating in Douglas County for at least five years and been a RACC member for two or more years? Tell us how your business, your employees—individually or collectively—participate in our community, and about how the presence of the business adds to the economic vitality and livability of our community There's still time to submit your business for consideration of 2025 business of the year honors. Three categories—small businesses (25 employees or less), medium-sized businesses (26-75 employees) and large businesses (76+ employees). We are so proud of our local business members and would love to hear from you. Submit your [business nomination](#) by next week's deadline. Honorees for 2025 will be recognized at the chamber's March 16 annual membership meeting and awards lunch.

The chamber is also looking to recognize business innovation—businesses whose innovation has been commercialized, is in the marketplace and contributed to the economic vitality of their business and our community. [Nominate your business' innovation today!](#)

[Honor Long-Serving Community Volunteerism](#)

Do you know a Douglas County resident with countless years of volunteer service in our community? [Time to nominate for First Citizen honors](#)! First Citizen recognition is the highest honor given for volunteerism in our community. Criteria for first citizen recognitions is for volunteer activity and service over many years, in more than one area of community activities and for volunteer service or contributions unrelated to the nominee's business, employment, profession or vocation. Here's a list of our [past First Citizen honorees](#). Email me if you have any questions and nominate today!

[Annual Awards Event Sponsorships Available](#)

Join [Acisure NW \(formerly Umpqua Insurance\)](#) and [Lone Rock Resources](#) as sponsors for the chamber's 71st annual meeting of the membership and awards lunch on March 16. We have one [corporate](#) and two [title](#) sponsorships still available. Sponsorship specifics are included on the linked agreements or please feel free to email me!

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