



# Chamber News

## **ACTION ALERTS!**

Things are moving quickly during the 2026 session. One week down, four to go. RACC submitted testimony on five bills during week one. There may not always be time to issue action alerts. Today we have three!

### **ACTION ALERT! Tell Legislators “YES” on SB 1593!**

Passage of [SB 1593](#) would restore the validity of liability waivers for fitness, outdoor and recreational industry businesses. Oregon is the only state that gives businesses no ability to enforce liability waivers for ordinary negligence.

SB 1593 had a public hearing in the [Senate Committee on Commerce and General Government](#) today, February 9 at 8:00 am. You can still [submit your testimony on the bill HERE](#). Deadline to submit your testimony or comments is February 11 by 8:00 am. [Read RACC’s testimony in support HERE](#).

### **ACTION ALERT! Tell Legislators “NO” on HB 4148!**

Passage of [HB 4148](#) would be devastating to local tourism/hospitality industries and small businesses reliant on tourism promotion in Oregon, particularly rural communities. HB 4148 would fundamentally alter the definitions set forth in the 2003 TLT legislation, which created a 70/30 split with 70% dedicated to tourism promotion, marketing or facilities and 30% unrestricted for the local municipality to use in whatever manner they choose. If passed, HB 4148 would essentially “flip” the percentages with 60% of TLT dollars being unrestricted at the local level and 40% being available for tourism promotion, marketing and facilities. Cutting marketing and promotional dollars by nearly half!

HB 4148 will have its first public hearing in the [House Committee on Revenue](#) today, February 9 at 3:00 pm. You can [register to testify on the bill HERE](#), or you can [submit your testimony on the bill HERE](#). Deadline to submit your testimony or comments is February 11 by 3:00 pm. [Read RACC’s testimony in opposition HERE](#).

### **ACTION ALERT! Tell Legislators “YES” on HB 4105!**

Passage of [HB 4105](#) would improve forest management outcomes by directing the State Forester to establish sustainable harvest levels for timber on state forestland.

HB 4105 will have a public hearing in the [House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water](#) on Wednesday, February 11 at 1:00 pm. You can [register to testify on the bill HERE](#), or you can [submit your testimony on the bill HERE](#). Deadline to submit your testimony or comments is February 13 by 1:00 pm. [Read RACC’s testimony in support HERE](#).

Last week RACC submitted opposition testimony to [HB 4134](#) and [SB 1507 -4 and -5 Amendments](#). Read [HB 4134 testimony](#) and [SB 1507 testimony](#). The chamber’s most current information will be online at [Issues & Positions](#) and [Calls to Action](#). Don’t forget to check [Oregon Legislative Information System \(OLIS\)](#) for information about floor sessions, committee hearings, bill status and more.

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## **Don't Miss RACC's Annual Award Lunch**

**GET TICKETS!** The 71<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of the membership and awards lunch is **Monday, March 16 and tickets are on sale.** The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce will honor 2025 businesses of the year and long-time community volunteers. 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.

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## **RACC's 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 ([Read RACC Testimony in Support of SB 1593](#))

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

[HB 4105](#)—Relating to reliable forest management outcomes—directs State Forester to establish sustainable harvest levels for timber on state forestland ([Read RACC's testimony in Support HERE](#))

### **OPPOSING**

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

[SB 1507](#)—Imposition of vaguely detailed retail sales tax framework—Now the federal disconnect bill ([Read RACC's -4 and -5 Amendments Opposition Testimony Re Federal Tax Law Disconnect](#))

[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) ([Read RACC's Opposition Testimony of HB 4147](#))

[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 ([Read RACC Opposition Testimony](#))

**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.

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## Annual Awards Event Sponsorships Available

Join [Acrisure NW \(formerly Umpqua Insurance\)](#) and [Lone Rock Resources](#) as sponsors for the chamber's 71<sup>st</sup> 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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*Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!*

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