2015 Legislative and Policy Agenda

Guiding Principles for Legislation
What OAPA should seek from legislative outcomes?
1. **Benefit** – Will the legislation advance the goals of the Oregon planning program and the APA objective of “making great communities happen”? Does the proposal recommend “best planning practices” for both process and outcomes? Does it facilitate effective and meaningful engagement of citizens; help sustain vital, resilient, and healthy communities?
2. **Clarity** - What will the proposed law require? Is it clear? What are the outcomes and products expected from local governments, state agencies, business, and private citizens? Is this a policy or proposal that will help the public understand the benefits of planning?
3. **Diversity** – Is the proposal helpful and balanced to a broad range of citizens rather than narrow special interests? Do all local governments required to implement the change in law have the resources to do so?
4. **Cost** – How much will the proposal cost, to the state, the public, local governments, or others? Does it provide for an efficient and equitable allocation of public and private resources?
5. **Creativity** – Can we come up with a more efficient, effective and creative proposal that accomplishes the same purpose with broader political and public support? If a proposal has negative impacts, can we come up with a way to overcome the harmful effects consistent with the proposal’s intent? Can we think of a way to accomplish the purpose in a way that gets broader legislative support?
6. **Demonstrated Need** – Does the legislative proposal address a demonstrated need or problem? Is there evidence that shows the Legislature needs to act to address a need or solve a problem?

OAPA will implement this agenda through a range of strategies:
- Participating in legislative and rulemaking processes;
- Advocating for adequate funding for local and regional planning and these legislative and policy priorities;
- Participating in regional solutions prioritization processes;
- Continuing to inform the planning community about current and emerging best planning practices; and
- Collaborating with individuals and organizations in pursuit of these goals.
- Participating in work groups formed to implement or craft legislation.
Legislative Priorities

OAPA will support the following concepts and legislative efforts:

- Oregon Transportation Forum funding and policy packages
- Passage of state agency budgets that support local planning, including, but not limited to, DLCD, LUBA, ODOT, OHCS, OEM, and DEQ.
- Improved state agency coordination and improved coordination between state agencies and local governments
- Resilience and implementation of Oregon Resiliency Task Force recommendations
- Resolving any remaining issues related to the 2014 “Grand Bargain” HB 4078

OAPA will track the following topics and provide testimony based on the Chapter’s Legislative Principles and Policy White papers:

- Citizen Involvement
- Conflicts in resource zones
- DLCD’s 2015 legislative concepts:
  - 2013 HB 2254 text clean up (UGB streamlining)
  - Properties that straddle UGBs: how to address partitioning
  - 2014 HB 4078 (Grand Bargain) clean-up of property descriptions
- Farmworker housing
- GHG reductions and/or adaption
- Infrastructure funding and financing
- Historic resources protection
- Local land use procedures (both quasi-judicial or legislative)
- Recreational marijuana regulation
- Resilience and local hazard planning
- State agency coordination
- Youth camps in eastern Oregon