



## **Association of Oregon Counties 2023 Legislative Session Priorities**

### **Transportation**

Advocate for fair and sustainable funding to effectively and efficiently manage counties large and diverse road systems by preserving the State Fund Exchange Program and creating the statutory authority for counties to charge cost-recovery fees for permits issued to utilities for work in the county road right of way.

### **Governance & Revenue**

Support adequate funding of county assessment and taxation services

### **Natural Resources**

Enhance County role across the Natural Resources – Protect and enhance county funding and flexibility to support management policies and locally focused policy making processes for wildfire resiliency efforts, place-based planning efforts and drought resiliency, as well as sound land management.

### **Public Safety**

Increase state investments in district attorney salaries and address the widening pay gap between elected district attorneys.

Strengthen tools the justice system can use to fight illegal drug sales and motivate people cited for possessing illegal substances to comply with legal obligations and seek addiction treatment.

### **Community Development**

Systemic Solutions to Statewide Housing Shortages – Advocate for state investments that boost local government permit processing staff and capacity, and a fast-track process for limited UGB expansions that significantly increase affordable and workforce housing in all communities experiencing shortages of buildable land.

### **Health & Human Services**

End liability risk shift to counties and local system providers for mandated populations (aid assist, civil commitment, and guilty except for insanity).