

2026 Oregon Legislative Session Preview: Top Issues and How You Can Protect Your Clients and Your Business

Protecting the Mortgage Interest Deduction: Oregon REALTORS® top priority in the 2026 session is protecting Oregon's Mortgage Interest Deduction. There are multiple bills being considered in the session that would eliminate the MID for owners of 2nd homes. Oregon REALTORS® has set up an [action page](#) that you and your clients can use to tell the legislature to keep the Mortgage Interest Deduction in place for all homeowners. We've also created a sharable [one-page document](#) explaining why the MID should stay in place for all homeowners that includes a QR code linking to the action page.

If you'd like more information, and if you or your clients have compelling stories to share about why the MID should remain in place for owners of second homes, please reach out to jrogers@oregonrealtors.org. We are looking for people willing to testify verbally at legislative hearings and to reach out to their legislators.

Expanding Housing Supply: In 2025, the legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 1537 which provided cities with a one-time opportunity to expand their Urban Growth Boundaries (UGBs) for housing. The requirements for cities to qualify were so onerous that fewer than five cities to date have been able to take advantage of the opportunity. This year, House Bill (HB) 4035 will ease these requirements, allowing more cities to use this important tool to increase the supply of housing.

Preserving Homeowners Insurance Markets: In 2025, the legislature considered a bill to add certain insurance practices to Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act. Since insurance is fundamentally an assessment of financial risk, we opposed the bill because it could cause more insurers to leave the state. We have all seen the results of overregulation of the insurance industry in California, and we must avoid making the same mistake in Oregon. Proponents are bringing the bill back in 2026, this time as HB 4098, and we are engaged with a coalition to oppose its passage for the same reasons we opposed it in 2025.

Budgeting Responsibly and Sensibly: Oregon faces a budget shortfall due to a slowing economy and passage of H.R. 1 (aka the One Big Beautiful Bill Act). The legislature will need to adjust the state's spending and revenue streams to ensure a balanced budget – a requirement of the Oregon Constitution. Oregon REALTORS® will oppose efforts to eliminate tax benefits granted by the federal government that impact Oregon REALTORS® members and clients.

To learn more about the 2026 legislative session, key issues, and what you can do to support your business, clients, and communities, visit our [Advocacy webpage](#).