

2022 Oregon Priorities

1. Homelessness Shelter Operations Funding

During the 2021 Session, the Oregon Legislature passed [HB 5042](#) which included funding for Emergency Shelter/Navigation Centers, with \$5M allocated to Lane County for the development of an Emergency Shelter in Eugene. We are seeking state support for on-going operational funding.

2. Seek Funding for 2022 World Championship-Riverfront Festival

The 2022 World Championships for Track and Field (Oregon22) presents the opportunity for Eugene to host a global event, with the recognition that the local Festival at the Riverfront will be the center of community engagement. Eugene is seeking up to 1 million dollars to support the festival operations, in cooperation with Travel Oregon, Business Oregon, and the Governor's Office as available.

3. Capital Funding for Steam Plant Project

The City of Eugene is seeking state capital funding to address the financial gap in the redevelopment of the historic Steam Plant along the Willamette River and anchoring the City's redevelopment efforts of the former EWEB site for housing, commerce, and recreation. We are seeking up to 7 million dollars to fill the gap in the \$50M+ redevelopment budget

4. Seek funding for city IT Modernization and Cybersecurity efforts.

Network security and resilience is foundational to the City's ability to support the community and organization. Data protection and redundant systems are integral to preventing network attacks and minimizing financial risks associated with a vulnerable system. The City of Eugene seeks legislative support to address 1) securing our environment by adding tools and continuing move to cloud environment. 2) upgrade Aging Environment by replacing server operating systems that are at significant risk and 3) secure software assets.

5. Seek authority to adopt Oregon Reach Code as the base code for new construction.

[HB 2398](#) from 2021 Session would add the 'Reach Code' to state building code as specialty code and would permit a municipality to adopt the 'Reach Code' and require adherence to code as minimum construction standard and method within municipality's jurisdiction. The Reach Code is a high-performance building energy code that would reduce energy use and decrease greenhouse gas emissions in the building sector.

6. Attorney/Client Privilege for Public Agencies

Pursue [HB 2478](#) from 2021 Session, relating to lawyer-client privileged public records. The bill amends ORS 192.390 to explicitly include attorney-client privileged communications in the list of exemptions that are not subject to the 25-year expiration. The privilege exists independently of Oregon Public Records law. However, a clarification and confirmation is needed to ensure attorney-client privilege is treated the same in the public sector as it is in the private sector.