



# Oregon Legislature 2015

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# The 2015 Oregon Legislature

- Adjourned Sine Die July 6, 2015
- A new governor
- A strong majority with a strong agenda



# Courthouse funding



Secured \$17.4 Million



# Mental Health

Secured an additional \$28 million in funding for mental health services including:

- Jail diversion
- Crisis services
- Addiction treatment
- Rental assistance



# Housing

- \$62.5 million for affordable housing (including \$20 million for people with mental illness)
- Tax foreclosure sale proceeds now dedicated to housing



# Helping seniors keep their homes



Improved the Senior and Disabled  
Property Tax Deferral program



# New tools to fight elder abuse

Allows Multnomah County to bring civil suits to recover damages for vulnerable people who have been abused.





# Increased support for families



- Paid sick leave
- Expanded Employment Related Day Care
- Improved Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- Reduced caseloads for developmental disabilities





# Health System Modernization



- Focus on core functions
- Focus on best practices
- Improve quality statewide



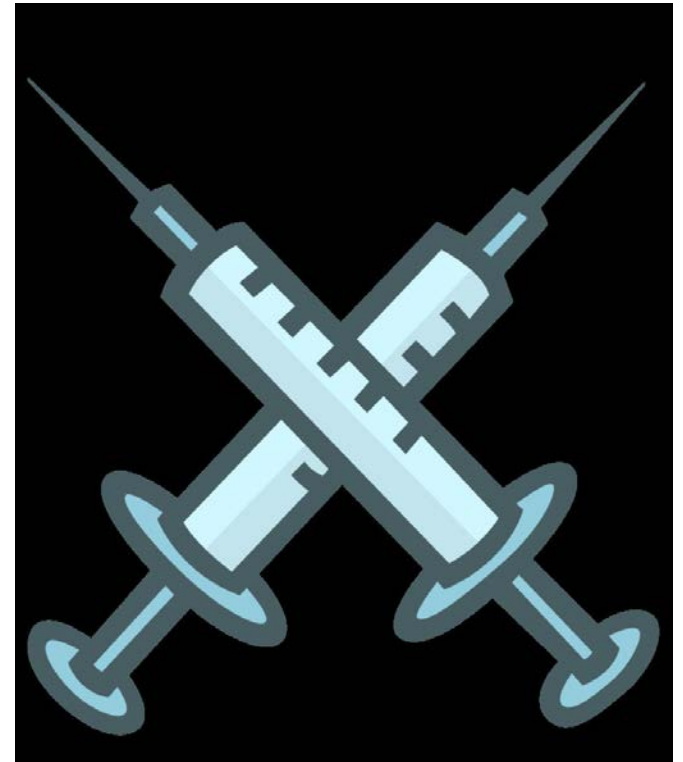
# E-cigarette Regulation

- State law now mirrors county law
- Access by children is prohibited
- Second-hand vapors are treated like second-hand smoke



# Good Samaritan Law

- Provides immunity from drug prosecutions
- More overdose witnesses call 911
- Lives are saved



# Justice Reinvestment



\$40 million dollars to reduce recidivism  
through effective community supervision



# Infrastructure and Environment

- New sources of funding for levee inspection and repair
- \$5 million for levee improvement
- \$7 million for brownfield remediation
- Land bank authority for local governments





# Cornelius Pass Road



\$3.9 million in safety improvements





# A good session for Multnomah County

It was a team effort:

- Commissioners
- Department staff
- Community partners



# Questions?

