

OJUA Annual Meeting 2025

Legislative Session Update

Agenda

- Introduction
- 2025 Session Stats
- General Observations on Session
- Infrastructure & ROWs
- Other Bills of Note
- Questions

2025 Session

- Long Session (160 days)
- 3,304 bills introduced
- 640 bills passed & were sent to Governor
- Most will become effective January 1, 2026

General Observations

- Overall Dynamic of the Capitol
- Placeholder Bills
- Key Issues:
 - Wildfire – utility liability, repeal of state wildfire hazard map, funding
 - Utility Rates
 - Transportation revenue
 - Declining state revenues

OPUC

- HB 2370 – OPUC Annual Fee Increase
- HB 3148 – Revisions to OPUC related telecom support programs
- HB 3179 – Residential customer utility ratemaking changes
- HB 2985 - OPUC administrative procedures
- HB 3156 - OPUC consumer service division contact on bills
- SB 688 – OPUC “Performance Based Ratemaking”
- HB 3546 – Datacenter “POWER Act”

Infrastructure & ROWs

- SB 330 – Forced undergrounding of power lines
- SB 793 – Fees and rates for easements on state lands
- HB 2519 – Grant funds for COU; establish OPUC Homeland Security Fund
- HB 2851 – Critical Infrastructure and Domestic Terrorism
- ODOT Funding & Special Session
- Implementation of county ROW fees (2024 session)

Other Bills & Topics of Interest

- Senate Bill (SB) 4 – Credits for broadband service outages
- HB 3666, HB 3917, SB 926 – Utility Wildfire Bills
- SB 83 – Repeal of Wildfire Hazard Map
- HB 3628 – State Transmission Authority
- HB 2410 – Small Modular Reactors
- SB 426 – Contractor liability
- HB 2688 – Prevailing wage for Custom Off-Site Manufacturing
- SB 916 – UI for Striking Workers

Questions or Comments?