Coba’s Capitol Comments

Major issues yet to be finalized include the carbon bill (HB 2020); paid family leave (HB 2005); and the gross receipts tax (HB 2164), the technical fix bill to the corporate activity tax passed to raise revenue for schools.

- The carbon bill had new amendments added last night and is in the Full Ways and Means Committee this afternoon. This issue has created a huge amount of support and opposition. The latest information is here: https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/Overview/HB2020

- Paid family leave had a public hearing last night in the House Rules Committee. The latest amendments are here: https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/ProposedAmendments/HB2005

- The gross receipts tax has a new set of amendments and is expected to pass from the Joint Tax Expenditure Committee on Friday morning. ACEC Oregon continues to express concerns about the agent language that could be improved to ensure that a pyramiding tax liability doesn’t occur. Committee leadership has suggested that this and other issues may be better considered in the February session. Sen. Hass has
indicated a willingness to add comments to the record to better detail legislative intent. Latest information here: https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/Overview/HB2164

State of Oregon recruiting for OSBEELS Director

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This mission is accomplished by:
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