



CAPITOL COMMENTS

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December Special Session A Day-Long Affair

The Oregon Legislature held its second special session of the year on December 13. Somewhat surprisingly, legislators were able to complete their work in Salem in one day, a very quick special session by recent special session standards, and were headed home that evening.

The primary focus of the session was addressing concerns related to eviction. The legislature passed [Senate Bill 891](#), a bill providing, among other things, an extension of tenant protections from eviction for those applying for emergency rental assistance through June 30, 2022. A “safe harbor” bill giving 60 days of eviction protection for those who applied for rental assistance passed during the 2021 regular legislative session. In addition to the safe harbor provisions, the legislature also passed legislation providing more financial assistance to those seeking rental assistance.

In addition to eviction matters, the legislature also approved bills providing funding to fight illegal cannabis production, to assist farmers facing drought, to help settle Afghan refugees in the state and to provide affordable housing and homelessness prevention programs.

One item that was not considered during this week’s special session was the issue of foreclosure moratoriums. Readers will recall that the residential foreclosure moratorium that passed during the June 2021 regular session and subsequently extended by Governor Brown, is set to expire on December 31, 2021. OBA continues to monitor this issue very closely and will do so next year during the February 2022

session.

With the December session in the rearview mirror, OBA is preparing for the 2022 February session. Bills for the 2022 session will be made public in January. OBA's government relations team will closely review all bills introduced during the 2022 session. We welcome banker feedback when those bills are introduced.

If you have any questions about the special session, please contact OBA's Senior Vice President and Government Affairs Director Kevin Christiansen at (503) 576-4123 or kchristiansen@oregonbankers.com.

Join OBA's In-District Meetings with Bankers and Legislators

It is not too late to join OBA as we meet with bankers and legislators in their home districts. These events are great grassroots opportunities to connect with policymakers and talk about the upcoming February legislative session and the 2022 election cycle. Below are our upcoming January dates:

- **Hermiston:** January 18 (1:30 pm to 3:00 pm) at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S Hwy 395
- **Portland:** January 20 (10:30 am to 12:00 pm) at the U.S. Bancorp Tower, 111 SW Fifth Ave.
- **Medford:** January 25 (1:30 am to 3:00 pm) at People's Bank of Commerce, 1528 Biddle Rd.

There is no charge for this event but advance registration is required. You can register by clicking [here](#).

Input Needed on CFPB Section 1071 Proposed Rule

We are still seeking input on the [CFPB's Proposed Rule regarding Dodd Frank Section 1071](#) (a summary of the rule can be accessed by clicking [here](#)). The January 6 deadline to file comment letters is fast approaching and we need input from our banks on the issues we should raise in our OBA comment letter. Please provide your concerns related to this onerous proposal **no later than December 23**. We will not reveal the bank providing feedback but will aggregate the information we receive. In addition, if you are sending written comments directly to the CFPB on this topic, please share a copy of the letter you send so we can coordinate messages. Please forward your feedback and comment letters to OBA's Senior Vice President and Government Affairs Director Kevin Christiansen at (503) 576-4123 or kchristiansen@oregonbankers.com.

Political Odds and Ends

To close, here are a couple of odds and ends:

- It appears that challenges to the newly redistricted legislative and congressional maps have now been exhausted. The courts took no action to further modify the maps created by the legislature during the September special session. To review those maps, click [here](#). The deadline for candidates to file to run in these new districts is Tuesday, March 8, 2022.
- “Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn’t mean politics won’t take an interest in you.” Pericles, Greek Statesman



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