

OVERVIEW

Oregon's 83rd Legislative Assembly considered a total of 3,385 bills over the six-month session. OPCA's Government Relations Team tracked 306 of those bills with extensive support from Legislative Liaisons and Policy Development & Review Committee members. In the end, 669 bills passed.

The session began with high hopes for historic investment in existing programs and the possibility of new initiatives, such as Senate Bill 27, which would have provided \$9.5 million for FQHC workforce retention, recruitment, and training. Lawmakers entered the 2025 Session on the heels of more than a year of positive State Revenue Forecasts. The first forecast of the session, delivered Wednesday February 25, was no exception. The forecast included about \$300 million more in tax revenue for the 2025-27 budget cycle than predicted, further boosting state budget writers' optimism.

Unfortunately, that optimism came to an end as President Trump's trade wars stoked fear and uncertainty in the economy. On May 14, lawmakers received news that they would have \$500 million less to spend in the 2025-27 budget cycle than they had anticipated just three months earlier. Budget writers rely on the May forecast to determine the fate of many spending priorities. Even as the reality began to set in with hundreds of spending bills left to languish on the Ways and Means hearing docket, lawmakers approved an 11% increase in the state K-12 budget during the waning days of session.

As the 2025 session came to a close, lawmakers were unable to fund most of the new initiatives they considered or pass a comprehensive transportation package. This left opportunities like Senate Bill 27 unfunded, and the Oregon Department of Transportation without the resources necessary to maintain current service levels or to make needed infrastructure upgrades and new investments.

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STRENGTHENING CHC VOICES IN THE LEGISLATURE

Our advocacy efforts cannot occur in isolation. We rely on trusted relationships, continual engagement, and the commitment of CHC champions who tirelessly carry the message forward. In that spirit, OPCA revived the Advocacy Day at the Capitol event for the first time in more than five years. Health center leaders and staff from over half of Oregon's FQHCs came together to educate and advocate for the communities they serve.

In a single day, we engaged 41 representatives and 14 senators, who represented a total of 65 legislative districts. This opportunity to highlight the vital role health centers play in Oregon's health care system deepened the connection between CHCs and decision-makers in advancing health policy in Oregon.

OPCA'S 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION WRAP-UP STATS

January 21 - June 27, 2025

3,385 BILLS INTRODUCED, 669 BILLS PASSED

OPCA TRACKED 306 BILLS

OPCA WROTE **3 BILLS, 2 PASSED**

OPCA SUPPORTED **4 BILLS, 1 PASSED**

OPCA OPPOSED **2 BILLS, 2 FAILED**

BIG WINS FOR OREGON CHCS

Two bills championed by OPCA and Oregon's health centers, HB 2385 and HB 3049, passed. This marks a major step forward in protecting the integrity and financial viability of the 340B program.

✓ **HB 2385 prohibits restrictions on the use of contract pharmacies in the 340B program.**

This bill enshrines into Oregon law critical protection for FQHCs, ensuring they can continue using contract pharmacy arrangements to serve their patients.

✓ **HB 3049 prevents PBMs and manufacturers from requiring FQHCs to use unique claims identifiers.**

Claims identifiers only benefit PBMs and manufacturers while imposing administrative burden on FQHCs and their contract pharmacy partners. This bill removes unnecessary barriers in the 340B program while improving transparency and compliance within the program.

These bills represented more than policy victories: they were an opportunity to amplify our voices, teach lawmakers about our mission, and highlight the unique challenges FQHCs face within the broader healthcare system. Our success underscores the strength of coordinated, ongoing advocacy.

BEYOND OUR CORE AGENDA

BILLS OPCA SUPPORTED	STATUS
Expand Investment in Healthcare Workforce - SB 27 + SB 283 – Included a \$9.5 million investment in workforce recruitment and retention efforts at FQHCs	Failed ✗
Support for School-Based Mental Health Services - HB 2729 – Directed OHA to establish a grant program expanding school-based mental health and substance use services; included a study on reimbursement models for mental health services delivered by school-based health centers.	Failed ✗
Ensure Sustainable Funding for School Health Centers - HB 3169 – Required annual grant funding for school-based health centers to be adjusted for inflation.	Failed ✗
Restrict Flavored Tobacco Products - SB 702 – Aimed to curb youth vaping by banning the sale and distribution of flavored tobacco and inhalant delivery products, with limited exceptions.	Passed ✓
BILLS OPCA OPPOSED	STATUS
Pilot Telehealth Programs in Schools - HB 2577 – Proposed a pilot program to extend school-based telehealth into more school districts. However, it was written in such a way that would have excluded FQHCs from participating in the pilot.	Failed ✗
Address Gaps in Dental Reimbursement - HB 2597 – Sought to raise Medicaid dental capitation rates; however, FQHCs would not have benefitted due to the PPS reimbursement structure.	Failed ✗



OPCA & MEMBERS' DAY AT THE CAPITOL

We met with electees from 65 legislative districts, including:

14 SENATORS & 41 REPRESENTATIVES