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5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CONTRIBUTE

What is the Oregon Legislative Action Committee?

This diverse group of homeowner leaders, community managers, and representatives from community association business partners provides perspective on how proposed legislation could impact people living and working in community associations.

WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

During legislative sessions in Oregon, there are always pieces of legislation introduced that impact Oregon community associations. We need your help now to continue to educate legislators and build relationships on your behalf. In order to be successful in supporting or opposing legislation, we rely on your support. Your donation makes our legislative advocacy and outreach efforts possible.

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Gives you a voice. The volunteer committee represents the approximately 580,000 Oregonians living in <u>Oregon's more than 4,100 community associations</u>. Your donation saves you and your community association money by protecting Oregon's homeowner and condominium associations from burdensome legislation.

Keeps you informed and involved. The Oregon Legislative Action Committee (OR LAC) organizes "grassroots" advocacy campaigns — letters, e-mails, phone, and social media communications regarding important issues related to community associations.

Tracks legislation that could impact community associations. In 2025, CAI actively tracked nearly 80 pieces of legislation that either directly or indirectly impacted the community associations across Oregon. >> www.caionline.org/LegislativeTracking

Strengthens key relationships with lawmakers. By educating lawmakers, legislative and executive staff, and other organizations, as well as testifying, the committee helps advance issues facing community associations and influence the outcome of legislation.

Advocacy Successes. Below is a brief overview of the legislative highlights from the 2025 Oregon Legislative Season:

SB 59 - SPECIFIED PRODUCTION OF FOOD IN PLANNED COMMUNITIES: OR LAC opposed this legislation, which sought to void provisions in governing documents that prohibit gardening, hen-keeping, or beekeeping. While the intent behind the bill may have been to promote sustainable living practices, OR LAC was concerned that a blanket repeal of these provisions would be both impractical and detrimental to the integrity of common interest communities throughout Oregon. OR LAC testified in front of the Legislative Housing and Development Committee in opposition to this bill. Homeowners choose to live in common interest communities with the understanding that there are specific governing provisions in place to protect property values, ensure safety, and maintain harmony within the community. One-sizefits-all solutions, such as the repeal proposed in SB 59, fail to recognize the diversity of needs, priorities, and risk factors present in these communities. These provisions often serve to prevent nuisances, manage insurance liabilities, and mitigate health risks. By eliminating these restrictions entirely, the bill would have placed undue strain on communities and potentially opened the door to conflicts, noncompliance, and increased insurance premiums. Oregon law already provides for established procedures through which community associations can amend their governing documents. While the threshold for amendments may vary between communities, this process allows for local control and ensures that changes are made thoughtfully and in alignment with the interests of the entire community. SB 59 would have undermined this local control by imposing a statewide, sweeping change that fails to take into account the unique circumstances of individual communities.

Status: In committee upon adjournment.

HB 3545 – HOA AND CONDO ASSOCIATION ASSESSMENTS: OR LAC opposed this legislation, which sought to establish when homeowners and condominium association assessments accrue on property deeded to the county in the tax foreclosure process. This legislation would have provided a temporary exemption from assessments imposed by a homeowners association or by an association of condominium unit owners on foreclosed property that has been deeded to a county. Specifically, the legislation would have exempted property that has been deeded to a county for unpaid taxes from the association fees charged on a home or condo for no more than 6 months. In line with its <u>public policy on Effective Collection of Community Association Assessments</u>, CAI opposes the intervention of federal, state, or local governments by statute, ordinance, or regulation in collection or oversight of collection of assessments from owners. OR LAC was primarily concerned with the financial strains that this legislation could cause for associations that had budgeted for the collection of a certain amount of assessments. The bill was not amended as per OR LAC's recommendations to state legislators.

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