

The background of the image is the official seal of the State of Oregon. It features a central shield with a rising sun, a plow, a sheaf of wheat, and a mountain. Above the shield is an eagle with wings spread. The shield is surrounded by a circular border containing the text "THE UNION" at the bottom and "1859" at the top. The outermost ring of the seal contains the words "STATE OF OREGON" in a circular arrangement, with stars separating the words. The entire seal is rendered in a golden-brown color against a dark blue background.

2021 Oregon Budget Virtual Hearings

Who We Are and What We Do

- Joint Committee on Ways and Means
 - Oregon's Lead Budget Writers
- The Oregon Constitution requires the Legislature to balance the state budget every 2 years.
- Budget Framework
 - Pandemic and wildfire recovery; health care and education funding; racial justice and equity



Your Role

- Give us your views on how we should:
 - Balance the budget
 - Invest in existing programs
 - Invest in one-time ideas
 - Spend federal funding



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- \$1.9 trillion stimulus package approved by Congress
- President Biden signed into law on March 11
- Grants \$4.2 billion for Oregon, including \$2.6 billion for state investments. Co-chairs' framework allocates \$780 million for new investments.



Expectations

- The committee will call on you when it is your turn to testify
- Testimony may be limited to 2 minutes per person
- Please stay muted and keep your camera off unless you are testifying
- Testify from a quiet location
- We only have 2 hours for testimony
- Written testimony will be accepted up to 24 hours after the start of this meeting



Thank you for
participating!