

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

Dear Anna,

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Legislative Wrap-up:

This legislative session was incredibly challenging and we are incredibly grateful for all of the hard work that went into this session. You, our members, submitted testimony, wrote letters, attended hearings, gathered at the capital and because of your dedication we were able to gain some exciting victories!

Climate Resilience Package ([HB 3409](#) & [HB 3630](#)):

This comprehensive package brings together and provides \$90 million in funding for more than a dozen priority bills related to climate action. The bipartisan Climate Resilience Package, HB 3409 and HB 3630, will provide essential public services to reduce climate and air pollution, support healthy, affordable, resilient communities, and create family-wage jobs across Oregon.

Resilient, Efficient Buildings Policy Package ([SB 868](#), [869](#), [870](#), [871](#)) -

Leverages federal funding to improve efficiency of homes and buildings; supports healthy, affordable, resilient communities and family-wage job creation across Oregon. **Community Resilience Hubs ([HB 2990](#))** - Funds community resilience hubs and networks across the state to coordinate and provide access to resources and services for community members during disasters.

[Waste Incineration Regulation \(SB 488\):](#)

SB 488 will require Covanta Marion, the fourth largest Medical Waste Incinerator in the country located in Brooks OR, to deploy continuous emissions monitoring for the most hazardous chemicals known to harm human health and the environment. Under current regulations, Covanta Marion only measures how much dioxin, heavy metals and PCBs they emit into the air once a year. The new legislation will require continuous monitoring or sampling of these emissions as well as require Covanta Marion to report their data to the public and the Department of Environmental Quality. In addition, medical waste incineration, which produces the most dioxin, will be capped at 18,000 tons/year.

[Universal Health Care Governance Board \(SB 1089\):](#)

SB 1089 establishes the Universal Health Plan Governance Board which will create a comprehensive plan to finance and administer a Universal Health Plan. Some objectives of the plan are “providing equitable access to person-centered care” and establishing health care “as a fundamental element of a just society ... similar to public education, public safety and public infrastructure.” The plan will be presented to the Legislature and Governor by September 15th, 2026.

[Toxic Free Kids Modernization Act \(HB 3043\)](#)

This bill will give the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) the ability to regulate chemicals by class and remove the limit of chemicals OHA can regulate. HB 3034 will help us limit the amount of toxins our children come into contact with and how many toxics end up in the environment.

[Toxic Free Cosmetics Act SB 546](#)

SB 546 will require cosmetic companies to publicly disclose all chemicals in their products on their websites. It also bans the sale of cosmetic and personal care products that carry the most dangerous chemicals.

[Right to Refuse Dangerous Work \(SB 907\)](#)

SB 907 protects workers from dangerous conditions caused by the worsening climate. This bill protects workers from retaliation if they refuse assigned tasks that pose grave threats to their lives, as long as there is no reasonable alternative and they act in good faith.



Disaster Resilience and Equity Workshop Series:

Thank you to all who attended our June Extreme Heat and June Training! **If you were unable to attend the training you can watch it [here](#).**

Oregon PSR will be hosting a **July workshop** that will focus on **Equity and Earthquakes, the CEI Hub and Cascadia Subduction zone.**

[You can sign up for the workshop here!](#)

To stay in the know about future trainings you can sign up for the **[full series here](#)**



Governor Kotek takes a stand against the GTN XPress Pipeline:

On June 14th Governor Kotek sent a [letter](#) to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) stating her opposition to the Gas Transmission Northwest (GTN) XPress pipeline! Governor Kotek explained that she does not believe the GTN pipeline can comply with Oregon's clean energy laws and regulations. Governor Kotek's support is a win for our movement! We are expecting a response from FERC in July.

There is still time to join over 600 health professionals and advocates in opposing the GTN XPress Pipeline through our [online petition](#).

Sign On

Action Items:

The Oregon Health Equity Alliance (OHEA) is excited to announce **the Oregon COVID Storytelling Project**, an open call for personal experiences and expressions of art and stories addressing experiences of COVID-19 and Long COVID. The goal of this project is to offer a platform for communities most impacted by the pandemic to share about experiences, stories, and impacts of living in the COVID-19 pandemic in Oregon.

If you are interested in submitting your story please review the [submission overview](#) and [submission guidelines](#).

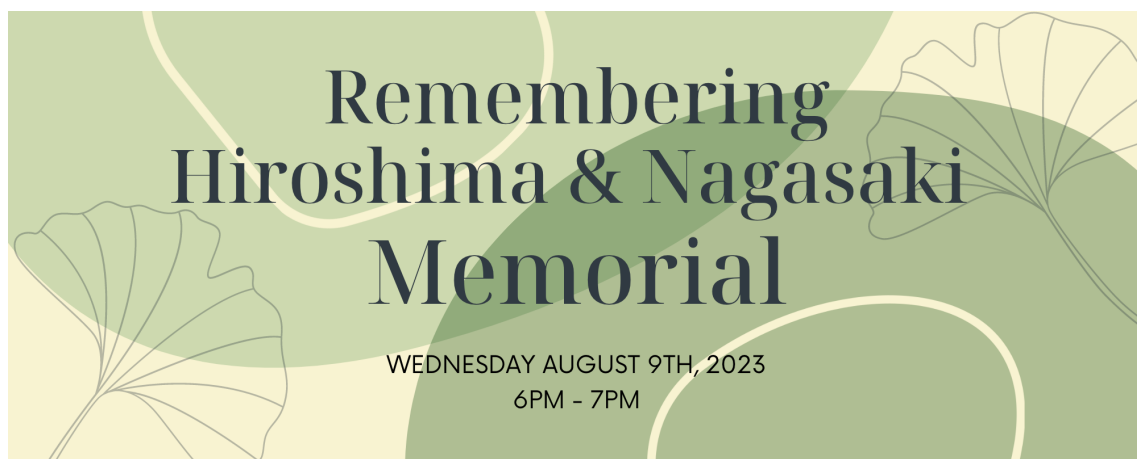
Events:



March for Medicare for All! Single Payer Picnic, July 22nd, 12-4pm.

Join Oregon PSR for a beautiful day in the park and day of mutual aid action! Come with your picnic blanket, yummy food, and new or unused school supplies to donate.

[Find more details here](#)



Hiroshima and Nagasaki Memorial Save the Date: August 9th, 6-7pm

Join Oregon PSR and our partners at **the Japanese American Historical Plaza in Downtown Portland to commemorate the United States nuclear attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki Japan.** This year will be the 78th anniversary of the bombings. We hope you will join us as we pay our respects to the victims, their families and communities and take action for a nuclear free future.

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In Gratitude,



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