

OLA Library Development and Legislation

Committee (LDLC) Issues Archive

Ongoing Issues

- Statewide [Access to Legal Information](#)
- Open Access to [Federally Funded Research](#)
- [Public/Private Management of Libraries](#)

2022 Issues

[HB 4092A](#) PASSED: Creation of a state e-rate fund for libraries

The Oregon legislature recently **voted to approve HB 4092A** and establish the Connecting Oregon Libraries Fund!

[Thank your legislator for voting to support Oregon libraries](#)

The Connecting Oregon Libraries Fund maximizes broadband funding for libraries from the FCC's E-Rate program and establishes an Oregon E-Rate fund to provide additional funding to help libraries move forward on critically needed broadband infrastructure projects. Establishing a state E-Rate fund in Oregon is also the first step to securing up to 10% in extra Federal funds for projects that meet certain criteria.

- [Universal Service Fund for Schools and Libraries \(E-Rate\) Overview for Libraries](#)
- Handout to use to [support the creation of a state e-rate fund](#)
- [Testimony by Kari May](#) on behalf of OLA to the [Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity on Feb 2, 2022](#) in re: HB 4092 § 6, which would create a state e-rate fund
- [Connecting Oregon for the 21st Century: HB 4092 - Broadband Governance, Availability & Equity](#), describing the full Broadband Omnibus Bill

Sen. Wyden investigates publishers and ebook providers

- [Letter to Senator Ron Wyden from OLA President Arlene Weible](#) thanking him for investigating publishers and ebook providers that seek to place restrictions on libraries' ability to provide and lend ebooks, as well as offering OLA's support and assistance

2021 Issues

- Issue Brief: [Support Ready to Read funding as included in proposed State Library budget \(HB 5017\)](#) ([Testimony](#), including from many individual OLA members)
- Issue Brief: [Support on-time adoption of course materials for higher-education students \(HB 2919\)](#) ([Testimony](#), including from [OLA Academic Division-ACRL Oregon](#))
- Issue Brief (*original* brief when known as SB 552; no revision specific to SB 226 written, nor deemed currently needed): [Support information literacy and library media program standards \(SB 226 \[-4 Amendment\]\)](#)
- Written Testimony: Support County Law Library funding as included in proposed Judicial Department budget ([HB 5012](#)) ([Testimony](#), including from [OLA](#) and [LDLC Chair Sue Ludington](#))
- [Letter to Governor Brown](#) from OLA President Kate Lasky, in support of economic recovery funding (American Rescue Plan Act [ARPA]) allocated for special districts, including special library districts
- [Op-Ed published in Eugene Register-Guard](#) (4/13/2021), "Libraries Are a Community's Cornerstone" written by OLA President Kate Lasky and Springfield Public Library and Museum Director Emily David in support of the Building America's Libraries Act (BALA)

2019 Issues

- Issue Brief: Support Ready to Read funding as included in proposed State Library budget ([SB 5518](#))
- Issue Brief: Support updating statutory definition of "Public Library" ([HB 2243](#))
- Issue Brief: Support textbook affordability and Open Educational Resources for students ([HB 2213](#) and [HB 2214](#))

2016-2017 Issues

- [Net Neutrality](#)
- [ESSA and School Libraries](#)
 - Issue Brief: [School Libraries and the ESSA](#)
 - [OLA/OASL Response to Oregon's ESSA Plan](#)
 - [June 2014 Press Release](#)
 - [Oregon school library standards](#)
 - [HB2586 Issue Brief](#) (historic 2009 legislation)
- Ready to Read 2017
 - Issue Brief: [Basic Ready to Read 2017 \(HB 5018\)](#)
 - Issue Brief: [Expanding Ready to Read 2017 \(SB 75\)](#)

2015 Issues

- [Federal Budget for LSTA](#)
- [Legislative Day 2015 Handout](#)
- [Ready to Read 2015](#)
- Accelerated Learning and School Libraries - [SB 84](#)
 - [Letter to Committee - February 26, 2015](#)
- Expansion of Ready to Read and Name Change - [HB 2479](#)
- State Budget - [SB 5519](#)
- Summer Reading Programs in Schools - [HB 2650](#)
- [State Library Reorganization Project](#)