

Brrrrrr! All through the halls of the capitol this week you could hear folks humming “Baby, its cold outside”. Except for Tuesday when the roads were so bad that hearings were cancelled altogether, the committees were settling into a regular pace and bills were popping out like crocuses.

On Monday, the Senate held numerous observances of Martin Luther King Day (both festive and solemn) while the House, like banks and most schools, celebrated Dr. King’s life by taking the day off. By Wednesday, the roads were sufficiently melted to get most members back in their offices and the schedule proceeded. The first meeting of the House Education Committee Subcommittee on Higher Education included presentations by Commissioner Can Preus-Braly and Andrea Henderson on the current status of community colleges. You can listen to the audio recording of that hearing at <http://www.leg.state.or.us/listn/> The Senate Education Committee that Andrea was scheduled to speak at last Thursday before the committee ran out of time has not yet been rescheduled. Attached are Andrea’s written testimony and the hand out she prepared for the Committee.

Our capitol team has been meeting with individual legislators and staff members to discuss the OCCA agenda and pick up tips on the elected officials’ priorities. If you are coming to the legislative summit next week, please make sure you have scheduled appointments with your delegation. **The Governor is confirmed as our luncheon speaker at the legislative summit.**

The bills that are holding our attention this week are as follows:

1. SB 80 (Double Majority)
<http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/sb0001.dir/sb0080.intro.pdf>
2. SB 334 (Shared Responsibility Model)
<http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/sb0300.dir/sb0334.intro.pdf>
3. SB 342 (Retired Nurse Educators)
<http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/sb0300.dir/sb0342.intro.pdf>
4. SB 355 (Education Health Insurance Pool)
<http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/sb0300.dir/sb0355.intro.pdf>
5. SB 5516 (Capital Construction)
www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/sb5500.dir/sb5516.intro.pdf
6. SB 329 (Universal Health Care Plan)
<http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/sb0300.dir/sb0329.intro.pdf>
7. SB 365 (Textbooks)
<http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/sb0300.dir/sb0365.intro.pdf>

8. SB 396 (Employee Drug Tests)

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/sb0300.dir/sb0396.intro.pdf>

9. SJR 3 (Corporate Kicker)

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/sjr1.dir/sjr0003.intro.pdf>

10. SJR 5 (Education Stability Fund)

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/sjr1.dir/sjr0005.intro.pdf>

11. SJR 7 (Education Stability Fund)

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/sjr1.dir/sjr0007.intro.pdf>

12. SJR 8 (Reserve Fund)

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/sjr1.dir/sjr0008.intro.pdf>