

## Legislative Terminology

The Master Gardener program is funded through the OSU Extension Budget. This budget request to the State Legislature is presented under OSU Statewide Public Service Programs, which includes OSU Extension, Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station and Forest Research Lab.

Several terms will be used throughout this letter-writing campaign and, by becoming familiar with them, it will help with the overall understanding of what we are asking of our State Legislators.

- **Service Levels**: Levels of service in staff, resources, programs, etc. provided to our communities.
- **Continuing Service Level(s) (CSLs)**: Maintaining the current funding and adjusting the budget for inflation, salaries, and benefits.
- **Flat Funding/Base Funding**: Status Quo, keeping the funding as it is – no increases.
- **OSU Statewides**: Short for OSU Statewide Public Service Programs, which includes OSU Extension, Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station and Forest Research Lab.
- **Biennium Legislature**: A legislative body that operates on a two-year cycle. This means that the legislature meets and conducts its business over a period of two years before a new cycle begins. We are at the beginning of the 2025-2027 Legislative Session.
- **HB XXXX**: HB or SB designates which side of the Legislature the bill originated in. HB stands for House Bill and SB stands for Senate Bill. OSU Statewides 2025-2027 Budget bill is HB 2408.
- **Support**: This simply means to a Legislator – vote “yes” to pass this bill as it is presented.
- **Ways & Means Roadshow**: The Joint Committee on Ways and Means “take their Committee on the Road” and tour the state for six public hearings to hear directly from Oregonians regarding the State Budget. This provides an opportunity for Oregonians to participate in the Legislative process and have the ability to have their voices heard. The Joint Committee on Ways and Means brings “the Capitol to the People” instead of the people coming to the Capitol.