

Listening session summary – Greater Regional Outreach Workers League (GROWL)

Meeting date: Wednesday, Jan. 8, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Building

DES provided an update on the rulemaking process, shared a rulemaking process map, and shared that concepts for future phases on the process map will be influenced by what DES hears at listening sessions and may be updated.

DES asked GROWL what is important to them. Group discussed:

- What DES has heard from RV parkers about why they chose to park along Deschutes.
- Interest in hearing more about the purpose and use of the Capitol Campus, and about other properties DES manages in Thurston County.
- The DES process for considering comments received.
- Caution about getting drawn into a debate over a “perfect” solution or seeking a solution that will make everybody happy.
- Availability of 24/7 parking for RVs in the county.
- Quality of life issues to be considered when options for an implementation plan are considered.

DES asked for thoughts and advice regarding additional engagements and information to consider. Group discussed:

- Researching best practices, such as those identified by U.S Interagency Council on Homelessness.
- Other resources and organizations DES can learn from.
- What DES can learn from processes conducted by other governmental agencies.
- How to stay engaged with GROWL.