

# Oregon House Democrats

## Leading with Oregon's Priorities

In 2014, House Democrats fought to expand access to opportunity for all Oregonians and worked to ensure every child has the opportunity to reach as far as their hard work will take them. During the 2014 Legislative Session, House Democrats led with Oregon's priorities by:

### Prioritizing Access to High-Quality Education

High-quality education is not a luxury; it's a necessity. House Democrats fought to deliver better results for students at all grade levels and make higher education more affordable and accessible for all Oregonians.

- ✓ Empower students, teachers, and communities to help build a stronger future for their local schools. ([HB 4117](#), [HB 4090](#), [HB 4127\\*](#))
- ✓ Help Oregon's students and their families find ways to afford high-quality education and training beyond high school. ([HB 4116](#), [HB 4102\\*](#), [HB 4019](#), [SB 1524](#))
- ✓ Support adults who are returning to school to develop new job skills. ([HB 4058](#), [HB 4021](#))

### Creating Jobs and Encouraging Innovation

Oregon's economy is showing some signs of recovery, but it's not growing fast enough – especially for the middle-class and low-income families who must work harder and longer just to keep up. House Democrats focused on putting people back to work and fought to make sure the economic recovery expands opportunities for all Oregonians.

- ✓ Strengthen workforce retention and development programs to successfully connect unemployed Oregonians with businesses looking to grow. ([SB 1527](#), [SB 1566](#))
- ✓ Help Oregon businesses quickly navigate through streamlined rules and regulations and access the resources they need to expand and create jobs. ([SB 1563](#))
- ✓ Create good paying jobs by helping communities rebuild aging infrastructure and strengthening local economies. ([HB 4015](#), [HB 4111](#), [HB 4005](#))

### Making Government Work Better for Oregonians

House Democrats continued pushing to make government more efficient, effective and transparent so we can better serve Oregon's taxpayers and maximize funding for services that Oregonians need.

- ✓ Ensure taxpayers' hard-earned money is being spent wisely by raising standards for government contracts and holding companies accountable when they fail to live up to their promises of quality and cost-effectiveness on government projects. ([HB 4122](#), [HB 4154](#), [HB 4135](#))
- ✓ Boost support for emergency responders to help keep our communities safe. ([HB 4055](#))
- ✓ Prioritize state spending to put Oregonians back to work, improve our children's education, and help Oregon's most vulnerable ([HB 5201](#))

*\* Passed the House, not the Senate*