



OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

2014 Legislative Agenda

Getting Things Done for Everyday Oregonians.

While partisan gridlock and shutdown politics have frozen meaningful action in Washington, D.C., here in Oregon we provide leadership by working together to find common ground and move the state forward. We still have a long way to go, but we are starting to make progress.

Oregon Senate Democrats are committed to improving access to high quality K-12 and higher education, creating family-wage jobs to bolster the middle class, and making sure that state government delivers on Oregon's priorities.

We will support small businesses by promoting economic growth in both rural and urban Oregon. We will work to put vocational training and college in reach of all Oregonians so they can gain the skills to earn family-wage jobs. And we will protect our most vulnerable Oregonians by boosting funding for mental health and senior services programs, while ensuring that Oregon's fiscal house is kept in order with a balanced budget.

During the 2014 Legislative Session, Senate Democrats will deliver on Oregon's priorities by:

Accelerating Job Growth and Improving the Economy Across Oregon

- Modernizing job training programs so that more Oregonians, whether they live in rural or urban parts of the state, can get the skills and training they need to earn family-wage jobs
- Supporting small businesses by eliminating unnecessary barriers, expanding access to loans and financial support, and making it easier for small businesses to work with state government

Protecting Investments in Our Schools and Expanding Access to Higher Education

- Protecting our historic \$6.85 billion investment in K-12 education to help stabilize school districts across Oregon and begin to reverse the trend of teacher layoffs and fewer school days
- Increasing access to higher education by taking steps to make community colleges and universities more affordable

Making State Government Work for Oregon's Top Priorities

- Cutting waste and holding state contractors accountable for their work, especially when they do not meet promises of quality or costs
- Investing in mental health programs and crucial senior services that Oregonians rely on
- Prioritizing critical services that keep our communities safe and protect our most vulnerable