



# State Senator Kayse Jama

Senate District 24 (D-East Portland)

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## State Senator Kayse Jama Reflects on 2022 Legislative Accomplishments

**SALEM, Oregon** - Last Friday, the legislature ended its 2022 regular session after passing historic legislation promoting access and equity in education, supporting healthy communities across Oregon, strengthening workforce protections and advancing Oregonian's economy, supporting immigrant and refugee communities, encouraging sustainability, and improving public safety by addressing issues in the criminal justice system.

State Senator Kayse Jama (D-Portland) played a critical role in the introduction and the passage of much of the groundbreaking legislation passed during the February session. His 2022 legislative accomplishments include:

1. Investing \$400M to support homeownership, increase affordable housing and address houselessness (**HB 5202**)
2. Ensuring renters rights and access to cooling while preparing Oregon for the next heat wave (**SB 1536**)
3. Establishing universal legal representation in immigration proceedings (**SB 1543**)
4. Reducing racial disparities in traffic stops and creating the Justice Reinvestment Equity Program (**SB 1510**)
5. Extending basic worker protections and ensuring fair compensation for farm workers (**HB 4002**)
6. Strengthening workforce protections and worker injury compensation (**HB 4138, SB 1513**)
7. Funding wealth building opportunities for economically marginalized communities (**SB 1579**)
8. Updating racist and xenophobic immigration terminology in Oregon state laws (**SB 1560**)
9. Providing compensation for wrongly convicted persons (**SB 1584**)
10. Expanding in-state tuition eligibility for Afghan refugees (**SB 1522**)

“I am very proud of the historic and remarkable work that the Oregon legislature and my office were able to accomplish during the 2022 session,” said Senator Jama, “from expanding access to cooling technologies for Oregon renters to addressing systemic inequalities within our criminal justice system, the work we have done over the past month will improve the lives of all Oregonians.”

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Sen. Jama has released a fact sheet detailing a full list of 2022 legislative accomplishments which can be found at [oregonlegislature.gov/Jama](https://oregonlegislature.gov/Jama).