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## Mid-Session Update: Rep. Paul Evans Highlights Key Legislative Priorities

SALEM, Or. - As the 2025 legislative session reaches its midpoint, Representative Paul Evans is sharing updates on key bills aimed at strengthening Oregon's emergency preparedness, veteran services, public safety, and economic development.

"This session, I'm focused on making Oregon stronger, safer, and more resilient," said Rep. Evans. "From preparing for emergencies to supporting our veterans and expanding opportunities for working families, these bills reflect our shared values and long-term priorities. I'm proud of the progress we're making and grateful to the Oregonians who continue to engage and advocate for meaningful change."

Below is a brief overview of some of the priority legislation he is championing:

SPARTICIS ([HB 2858](#)) establishes a comprehensive statewide emergency management system and will enhance Oregon's statewide resiliency posture through a statewide regional training office, specialized training programs and establishment of All-Hazard Resilience Hubs.

SPIRE III ([HB 2753](#)) Authorizes reissuance of Article XI-Q bonds for the Resiliency Grant Fund. The Fund supports emergency preparedness initiatives throughout the state, helping communities prepare for future challenges.

Veteran Services Supplemental Investments Initiative ([HB 2845](#)) increases funding for veterans' services and creates new full-time positions within the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. It also initiates pilot programs for self-harm prevention and job training.

Judicial Compensation ([HB 2712](#)) authorizes a compensation change for all of the Judiciary and creates an ombudsman's office within Oregon Judicial Department. The Ombudsman will increase accountability by handling coaching, education, or mentoring of judges as needed.

Tuition Flexibility ([HB 2649](#)) gives Oregon Technical and Regional University's greater ability to offer in-state tuition to visiting students from East Asia, positioning Oregon as a leader in educational exchange and economic development. HB2649 is scheduled for a Work Session on 04/09/2025.

Land Swap ([HB 2647](#)) permits the City of Monmouth to swap its urban growth boundary to include land for light industrial use and open space, helping the community support economic growth while maintaining livability. HB2647 is scheduled for a Work Session on 04/09/2025.

Rep. Evans remains committed to strengthening Oregon's resilience and supporting the well-being of Oregonians. He encourages constituents to stay informed as the session progresses. For more information, visit the [Oregon Legislative Information System \(OLIS\)](#).

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