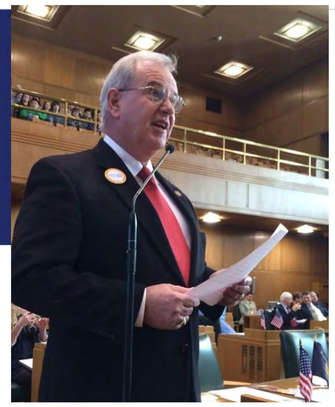

Dear Neighbor,

The recent legislative session brought good news for the Central Coast and Coast Range.

My highest priority was improving education. We passed a historic $7.4 billion school budget, paid for full-day kindergarten, boosted support for community colleges, and approved free community college tuition for Oregon graduates.

We protected families and our environment by strengthening air quality standards, limiting pesticide spraying, and requiring a phase out of dangerous chemicals in kids' toys. To prepare for the Cascadia Earthquake and create jobs, we committed $300 million for building upgrades in schools, including seismic improvements, and $90 million for highways and bridges.

We convinced Congress to keep the Coast Guard Air Station in Newport. And we funded expansion of the Hatfield Marine Science Center to better address the future of our Pacific Ocean and the industries that rely on it.

It is an honor to serve as your Representative in the Oregon Capitol.

DID YOU KNOW?
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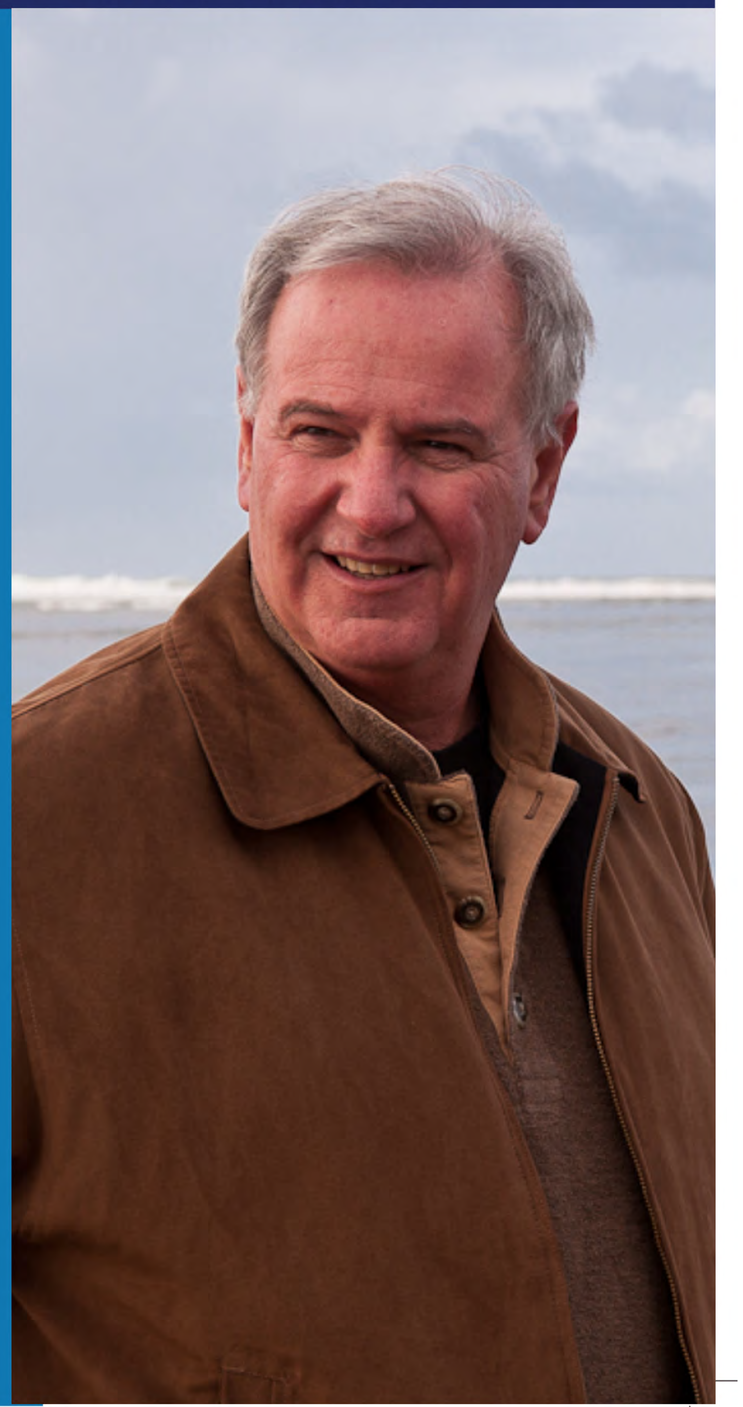

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Expanding Opportunity

Education and jobs go hand in hand. By focusing our investments on providing a high quality public education and giving businesses the resources they need to grow and hire, we can ensure Oregon has a prosperous future.

Increasing the number of class days, reducing class sizes, and doing a good job in the classroom is the key to ensuring that all of our students can compete in the global economy. The historic $7.4 billion schools budget will pay for all-day kindergarten, help high-need students, and make sure kids get fed so they are ready to learn.

I worked hard to fully fund our Community Colleges. Oregon will now offer free community college tuition to qualifying students.

We also worked to protect the privacy and security of student records, ensuring that our kids' valuable personal information would not be available to the highest bidder.

We need more and better jobs. And we need more and better employees for those jobs. By expanding opportunities, we strengthen communities and help create a pathway to success for all Oregonians.

2015–2016 REVENUE FOR K–12 SCHOOLS

Empowering Small Business and Creating Jobs

I'm a small business owner in a small business district. I understand the challenges faced when entrepreneurs strive to create a future for themselves, their families, and their employees.

I led the effort this session to help small businesses qualify for state contracts and to add opportunity for veteran-owned businesses. We reduced regulation and burdens on home-based businesses. And I succeeded in increasing funding for Small Business Development Centers.

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I was proud to support our local farms this session by expanding access to fresh local produce, protecting the vital role that bees have in pollinating our crops, and providing tax deductions for equipment used on small farms and dairies. A local Employment Center that was scheduled to close two years ago has remained open and is expanding services.

Oregon's economy is getting better. 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. We need to keep making progress and create more of those better jobs.

Ensuring Fairness and Government Efficiency

I led an effort to review credit card use in state agencies that will ultimately save millions of dollars. And I worked to insure that businesses owing fees or fines pay what they owe before they get new state contracts.

We held insurance companies accountable by making sure consumers can actually access coverage they're paying for, and prohibited corporate wrongdoers from keeping money owed to those they've harmed.

We made strides to make sure women don't get paid less than men for the same work, and expanded access to birth control by requiring insurance companies to cover a full year.

I led an effort to help veterans who were drafted and later dishonorably discharged for their sexual orientation receive benefits earned when they served. We banned so-called "conversion therapy," putting an end to a dangerous, discredited practice that attempts to change a child's sexual orientation.

And finally, we moved to ensure that every eligible voter in Oregon receives a ballot. While other states work to limit voter access, Oregon moved in the opposite direction removing unnecessary and outdated barriers to voting.

We need to continue working towards a level playing field that gives every Oregonian a fair shot at security, dignity and prosperity.

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