



## Senator Bill Hansell

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### **Senator Hansell Releases Legislative Survey Results**

Athena, Ore. – Senator Bill Hansell (R-Athena) released the results of his 2015 session recap legislative survey from the constituents of Morrow, Umatilla, Union, and Wallowa Counties in District 29. Constituents were asked to share what issues were most important to them and their families. Citizens were given six options to choose from: Education, Helping Small Businesses, Agriculture and Trade, Lowering Taxes, Public Safety, Health Care. Then the citizens were asked to expand in written form to share their thoughts on how Salem could work better for them.

“Helping Small Businesses” and “Lowering Taxes” were the two most important issues to the folks in the Eastern half of Senate District 29.

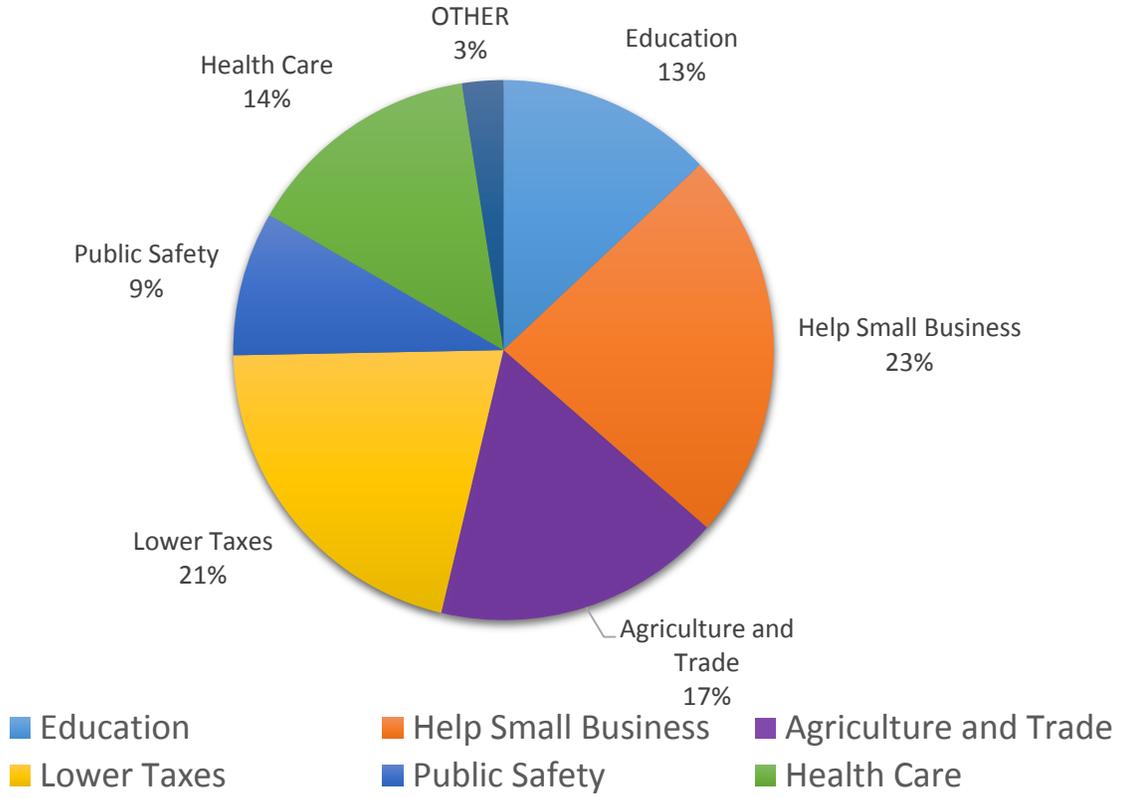
During the 2015 Legislative Session, the legislature passed numerous new regulations harming small businesses. For example, every business with six or more employees is now required to offer paid time off and a retirement account.

“Small businesses took many hits over the course of the past legislative session including mandatory sick leave, mandatory retirement accounts, and there is talk of Portland legislators proposing a hike in the state’s minimum wage,” Hansell said. “Small Businesses are the backbone of not only our local communities, but also the state as a whole. Businesses have already started closing down or relocating outside of Oregon. We need to help them navigate through all of the red tape, and stop passing regulations that harm their ability to thrive.”

Other responses to the survey included lowering the cost of health insurance for seniors and the disabled, fixing the issues at Terminal VI at the Port of Portland, and lowering taxes on families and small businesses.

“Thank you to everyone who wrote back to me,” Hansell said. “I intend to use these results when I propose legislation and begin drafting bills for the 2017 Long Session.”

**Senator Hansell's Constituent Post Card Replies**  
*Issues that are most important to you and your family*



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