

Oregon House Democrats



Leading with the Right Priorities

2013 Legislative Agenda Checklist

We pledged to fight for **smart investments in our schools, strengthen economic opportunities for Oregonians, stand up for middle class families over special interests, and invest in the services that Oregonians need.** During the 2013 legislative session, House Democrats showed strength of character, creativity, and a genuine commitment to Oregon's values. The result: many filled promises.

WE MADE SMART INVESTMENTS IN OUR SCHOOLS:

- Increased funding for Oregon's public schools to an unprecedented \$6.75 billion
- Redirected corporate tax refunds to increase funding for community colleges
- Passed tuition equity for qualified Oregonians, regardless of immigration status
- Won national attention for pioneering a tuition-free 'Pay it Forward' program that could save future students from crushing debt burdens

WE STRENGTHENED ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR OREGONIANS:

- Helped businesses grow by making it easier for small businesses to navigate state regulations & improving access to capital
- Connected local farmers with schools & families who want Oregon-grown food
- Boosted funding for career & technical education programs
- Invested in roads, bridges & many infrastructure projects to create Oregon jobs

WE STOOD UP FOR MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES OVER SPECIAL INTERESTS:

- Defended Oregonians from unfair health insurance rate hikes
- Cracked down on offshore tax shelter abuse in Oregon
- Helped neighborhoods deal with blighted, vacant properties
- Expanded foreclosure relief to help struggling Oregonians keep their homes

WE INVESTED IN THE SERVICES THAT OREGONIANS NEED:

- Strengthened support for homeless veterans
- Ensured that women have access to birth control & comprehensive health care
- Helped seniors & disabled Oregonians who were at risk of losing their homes
- Increased investments in mental health care and alcohol & drug treatment