

Oregon House Democrats

2010 Special Session Agenda

Oregon has been hit hard by the global economic crisis. That's why House Democrats took action to create jobs, protect schools and make big corporations pay their fair share. As we move forward, we know that government can't do everything. That's why House Democrats will continue to help struggling families and protect education, while leading a partnership with business and labor to bring Oregon's economy back stronger than ever.

- **Oregon House Democrats will continue to make Oregon an attractive place to open and grow small businesses – the backbone of our economy and the engine of our recovery.**

We will:

- Ensure accountability in the Legislature's 2009 Jobs Packages. Work aggressively with state agencies and local governments so that our efforts to create jobs in health care, transportation and infrastructure, and affordable housing construction are moving forward quickly, efficiently, and putting people back to work;
- Find ways to help small businesses who create new jobs and hire Oregonians into them;
- Provide greater access and a streamlined process to state business loans.

- **Oregon House Democrats will continue to make a real difference in the lives of everyday Oregonians, especially families who are struggling during these difficult economic times.**

We will:

- Work with the Federal Government to give a helping hand to those who are out of work;
- Require banks and owners of foreclosed properties to act as good neighbors and maintain vacant properties;
- Block the insurance industry from discriminating against victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

- **Oregon House Democrats will continue to invest in alternative energy technology to make Oregon a center of the growing clean industry while creating the high-skill, high-wage jobs.**

We will:

- Improve our existing clean industry programs by making them more efficient, effective and targeted;
- Take advantage of new technologies in ocean and wave energy, and biomass from our forests;
- Forge partnerships that invest in new technologies and employ Oregonians to make our homes, offices and businesses safer and more energy efficient.