

# FIGHTING FOR AN AFFORDABLE OREGON

Amid rising inflation, Oregon House and Senate Democrats spent the 2025 session fighting to lower the cost of living and protect workers and consumers—taking bold steps like banning medical debt from credit reports to help Oregonians keep more of what they earn.

## ■ To ease pressure on family budgets, Oregon Democrats:

- Outlawed surprise fees in prices online (SB 430, HB 3167)
- Stopped massive energy users, like data centers, from shifting electrical costs to consumers like you (HB 3546)
- Widened access to consumer assistance services at utilities (HB 3156)
- Required utility companies to slow down their rate hikes (HB 3179), show good performance along with any rate increases (SB 688)
- Prevented predatory practices from car dealers attempting to change interest rates after the car has left the lot (HB 3178)
- Supported low-income Oregonians struggling to pay their utility and broadband bills (HB 3792, HB 3148)

## ■ To lower housing costs, Oregon Democrats:

- Stabilized rent in mobile home parks at 6 percent a year (HB 3054)
- Strengthened protections for renters to get deposits back (HB 3521)
- Established a permanent statewide shelter program (HB 3644)
- Made it easier for developers to increase the housing supply—the key to improving housing affordability for everyone (SB 974, HB 3144, HB 2138, HB 2258)
- Established a Senior Housing Development Initiative worth \$24m for affordable housing for low-income seniors and people with disabilities (HB 3589)

## ■ To make health care accessible, Oregon Democrats:

- Put patients over profits while making sure doctors remain in charge of medical decisions (SB 951)
- Removed medical debt from credit reports (SB 605)
- While the federal government slashes Medicaid, we strengthened the Oregon Health Plan serving \$1.4m Oregonians (HB 2010)
- Lowered costs with first-in-the-nation policy preventing big pharma from withholding funds from federally qualified health centers and hospitals (HB 2385)
- Protected Oregonians from predatory billing practices (HB 3243)
- Delayed evictions for Medicaid families with babies and prioritizes housing for homeless infants (SB 690)
- Required health insurers cover menopause treatment (HB 3064)



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