



Oregon House Democrats

Leading with the Right Priorities

The path to prosperity requires leadership with the right priorities: increasing family wage jobs, providing a quality public education, standing up for middle class families, and focusing on the services Oregonians need most.

These aren't partisan issues, but issues that affect every Oregonian. House Democrats will put Oregonians first and produce results for families across the state.

Prioritizing Smart Investments in Education and Jobs:

Education and job creation go hand in hand. House Democrats will invest in our schools to give our children a prosperous future and will give Oregon businesses the tools they need to flourish.

- Prioritize education funding to stop teacher layoffs, reduce class sizes, make sure children enter school ready to learn, and close the achievement gap so all Oregonians can compete in the global economy.
- Improve worker training and retraining by increasing Career Technical Education in K-12 schools and enhancing partnerships between community colleges, apprenticeship programs, and industry.
- Tackle skyrocketing tuition costs and expand scholarships for Oregonians seeking to attend college and university.
- Spur economic growth by increasing development of existing industrial land and providing access to capital that businesses need to expand and create jobs.
- Invest in infrastructure projects like roads, rail, and energy-efficiency upgrades that create local jobs, improve access to markets, protect natural resources, and make communities more livable.
- Support Oregon workers, small businesses, and farms by using the state's purchasing power and other incentives to buy local products and support Oregon businesses.

Prioritizing Middle Class Families over Special Interests:

House Democrats will put Oregonians first: standing up to special interests to make sure every Oregonian has a fair shot at a safe, secure, and healthy future.

- Help Oregonians working to stay in their homes by standing up to the Wall Street banks that benefit from foreclosing on struggling families.
- Crack down on predatory debt-collection practices, protecting consumers from those who take advantage of struggling families.
- Protect our children and environment by identifying and eliminating toxic chemicals in toys and other children's products.
- Hold insurance companies accountable for taking advantage of their customers.
- Limit the ability of financial middle men and for profit colleges to add crippling debt onto Oregon's college students.
- Ensure that women have accurate information about and access to birth control, and comprehensive women's health care.

Prioritizing the Services Oregonians Need:

House Democrats will focus on cost-effective services that produce results and cut wasteful loopholes so we can direct money to the services Oregonians need most.

- Stop wasteful tax giveaways and set clear goals and standards for any future tax expenditures to guarantee Oregonians are getting value for their dollars.
- Keep our neighborhoods safe by focusing on crime prevention activities like mental health and addiction services, programs to combat domestic violence, and making sure police are there when we need them.
- Prioritize state dollars to protect and support seniors and Oregon's most vulnerable.
- Make government contracting practices more accountable to ensure the state is supporting the creation of local jobs and taxpayers are getting full value.