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Oregon House Democrats Prioritize Housing, Unemployment Support, Wildfire Relief and BIPOC Communities

House Democrats continue to bring forth bills prioritizing Oregon families, workers, BIPOC communities, people experiencing houselessness, and small businesses

SALEM, OR—Last week, House Democrats passed bills prioritizing Oregon families, workers, BIPOC communities, wildfire relief, support for people experiencing houselessness, and small businesses.

“Despite delaying tactics by Republicans, House Democrats are maintaining our commitment to support Oregonians impacted by the multiple crises of 2020,” says House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner. “Oregonians are counting on us to deliver—and we are fulfilling that commitment, day by day and bill by bill.”

Below is a summary of some of the critical bills that passed the House last week, sponsored and led by House Democrats:

- **[HB 3016](#)**: Requires hospitals to prioritize nurse safety and staffing needs during national and state emergencies. The bill was sponsored by [Rep. Rob Nosse \(D-Portland\)](#) and passed 32-17. See original press release [here](#).
- **[HB 2006](#)**: Helps local communities provide critical assistance to struggling Oregonians experiencing houselessness, streamlining the path for emergency shelters. The bill was sponsored by [Speaker Tina Kotek \(D-Portland\)](#). See original press release [here](#).
- **[HB 3178](#)**: Provides more support for part-time workers receiving unemployment benefits at a time when they need it most. The bill was sponsored by [Rep. Paul Holvey \(D-Eugene\)](#).

- **[HB 2009](#)**: Reestablishes a residential foreclosure moratorium and provides protections for homeowners affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill was sponsored by [Rep. Paul Holvey \(D-Eugene\)](#). See original press release [here](#).
- **[HB 2341](#), [HB 2607](#), [HB 3218](#)**: Led by Reps. [Pam Marsh \(D-Southern Jackson County\)](#) and [David Gomberg \(D-Central Coast\)](#), these bills are part of a series of legislation that will provide economic relief to those most affected by the wildfires and future natural disasters. See original press release [here](#).
- **[HB 2360](#)**: Breaks down barriers to health care for vulnerable and undocumented Oregonians. The bill was sponsored by Reps. [Andrea Salinas \(D-Lake Oswego\)](#) and [Ricki Ruiz \(D-Gresham\)](#), and carried on the House Floor by [Rep. Wlmsvey Campos \(D-Aloha\)](#). See original press release [here](#).
- **[HB 2168](#)**: Makes Juneteenth an official state holiday. Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved peoples in the U.S., while also celebrating the dignity, freedom and contributions made by Black Americans. The bill was sponsored by Majority Leader Smith Warner. See original press release [here](#).

House Democrats will continue fighting to support Oregonians impacted by COVID, the recession, wildfires, and generations of structural racism. More critical bills will come to the House floor over the next several weeks, in addition to urgently needed state and federal recovery funds.

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