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Promises Kept: House Democrats Advance Affordability, Stability, and Protection In the Face Of A Chaotic Federal Moment

Oregon House Democrats complete ambitious agenda centered on affordability, economic growth, and community safety

SALEM, Ore. – In the 2026 legislative session, which officially ended today in Salem, House Democrats focused on the most pressing issues facing Oregonians: affordability and defending the attacks on the state from the Trump Administration.

“During the short session, we took action to lower costs for working families: expanding tax relief, protecting funding for schools and health care, cracking down on hidden fees and predatory lending, and making housing more affordable,” said **House Majority Leader Ben Bowman (D-Tigard, Metzger, S Beaverton)**. “We also strengthened civil rights and privacy protections, defended Oregon’s immigrants, and improved accountability and transparency in government.”

Fact sheets highlighting key accomplishments in [federal pushback and affordability](#) are now available online.

Learn more about the House Democratic Caucus and individual member accomplishments [here](#).

House Democrats Federal Response

This session, Oregon Democrats passed strong protections to **support immigrant communities, defend civil rights, and push back against federal overreach.**

Strengthening Civil Rights, Privacy & Accountability



We reinforced Oregon's values of fairness, transparency, and safety by:

- Strengthening anti-discrimination protections so immigrants can work, access courts, and interact with law enforcement without fear (HB 4111)
- Increasing transparency and accountability for federal and out-of-state law enforcement operating in Oregon (HB 4114)
- Expanding statewide law enforcement accountability standards (HB 4138)
- Protecting personal data from being sold or shared for immigration enforcement purposes (SB 1587)

Defending Oregon's Authority

We protected Oregon's ability to govern itself and respond to crises by:

- Prohibiting cooperation with federal efforts to sell off Oregon's public lands (SB 1590)



Protecting Access to Health Care



- Ensured Oregonians can seek medical care without fear of immigration enforcement (SB 1570)
- Protected state funding for Planned Parenthood so Oregonians continue to can access care (HB 4127)

Keeping Schools Safe & Inclusive



We strengthened protections for students and families by:

- Establishing clear protocols for immigration enforcement on school grounds (HB 4079)
- Explicitly protecting students from discrimination based on immigration or citizenship status (SB 1538)
- Ensuring immigrant and refugee communities help guide state immigration policy updates (SB 1594)



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House Democrats Improve Affordability

This session, Oregon Democrats passed a comprehensive affordability package to **put working families first, support homegrown businesses, and protect more than \$300 million** in funding for schools, health care, and public safety.



+\$300 Million Protected

For schools, health care, and public safety

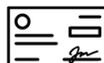


200,000+ Oregonians

Receiving tax relief



Largest Expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit in State History



Holding Lenders Accountable

Closed a loophole allowing out-of-state and online lenders to evade Oregon's interest rate limits and consumer protections (HB 4116)



Closing Corporate Tax Loopholes

These changes eliminate tax breaks that lack clear evidence of creating jobs in Oregon, including certain deductions for auto loan interest, corporate equity sale profits, and accelerated depreciation for select capital investments.



Cracking Down on Hidden Fees & Scams

Strengthened transparency in the ticket resale market, protecting Oregonians from misleading practices (HB 4024)



Protected Homebuyers

Ensured single-family homes are prioritized for Oregon families—not multinational corporate investors (HB 4128)



Lowering Health Care Costs

Eliminated deductibles, copays, and out-of-pocket costs for cervical cancer screenings and follow-up exams (SB 1527)



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