

# 2026 AGENDA

House Democrats are focused on lowering the cost of living by expanding affordable housing, growing good-paying jobs, and protecting workers and consumers. We're also pushing back against federal attacks on basic rights and vulnerable communities.

## Building an Affordable Future

### Housing



Since 2023, Oregon has helped build or finance thousands of new homes. While progress is being made, we must move more quickly to ensure every Oregonian can afford a place to call home.

#### **We must:**

- **Expand the housing supply**, ensure the housing market serves Oregonians, not corporations, and address rising utility costs.

### Jobs and Economic Development



We must grow our private sector to help local economies thrive and fight back against the Trump Administration's dismantling of labor protections that sustain fair wages and safe working conditions.

#### **We must:**

- **Help businesses start and scale in Oregon.** At the same time, we will ask our agencies to reexamine our economic development strategies, our permit application review processes, and program structures to ensure we have a whole-of-government approach to economic development in Oregon.
- **Defend and expand workers' rights** to negotiate for a safe working environment and a livable wage.

### Consumer Protection



Oregonians are losing millions of dollars to scammers, predatory lenders, and corporations that cut corners or refuse to honor their commitments.

Consumers should get what they paid for and not be taken advantage of by dishonest tactics.

#### **We must:**

- **Protect consumers** from deceptive practices and crack down on corporate abuses.

## Protecting Oregon's Values

### Healthcare



Under President Trump's budget bill, 400,000 Oregonians could lose their Medicaid coverage. With more people uninsured, rural hospitals and clinics will close, wait times will increase, and medical costs will rise for all Oregonians.

#### **We must:**

- **Preserve Oregon's historically high insurance coverage rate** and ensure that all Oregonians, no matter what part of the state they live in, maintain access to high-quality care.
- **Defend access to reproductive health care** and protect Oregonians' medical information and right to privacy.

### Immigrant Communities



The Federal Government is terrorizing our immigrant communities and doing so without due process or regard to Oregonians' safety. Oregon is a better place because of our diversity, and everyone in Oregon deserves to be treated with respect, dignity, and justice under the law, no matter how they look, what language they speak, or where they were born.

#### **We must:**

- **Strengthen Oregonians' rights to protect their private information**, to defend themselves in court, and to know when and where enforcement activities are planned.
- **Ensure that law enforcement is identifiable** to the communities they serve, that families have the right to protect their homes, and that all Oregonians have equal access to our justice system.

### Budget



New federal tax loopholes that disproportionately benefit the wealthy have created a budget deficit in Oregon, threatening critical public services such as health care, education, and public safety. We will address this deficit and balance our state's budget once again.

#### **We must:**

- **Ensure critical services are delivered**, from safe roads to cancer screenings at Planned Parenthood to emergency 911 response to veterans' benefits.
- **Govern responsibly** by increasing oversight on how agencies spend their budgets, providing regulatory certainty through the preservation of essential and at-risk federal standards in state law, and structuring our tax system to support Oregon's working families and the businesses dedicated to making this state thrive.

### Environment



While the federal government continues to roll back environmental protections, expand oil drilling on public lands, and worsen the impacts of climate change, Oregon will protect our natural environment and the communities that live here.

#### **We must:**

- **Protect our public lands** from being sold off to the highest bidder whenever the federal government decides to do so.
- **Invest in renewable energy** to keep Oregon green and protect Oregonians from the impacts of climate change.