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Republicans secure funding for wildfire relief, education enrichment, essential services during first half of 2021 session

Republicans have moved quickly on essential work; continue to stand firm against aggressive agenda from majority party

SALEM, Ore. – The Oregon House of Representatives is more than halfway through the 2021 session, held in the midst of the ongoing pandemic.

This session Republicans have pushed bills that provide wildfire relief and mitigation, fund educational enrichment to address gaps from distanced learning, and investment for Navigation Centers to support unsheltered individuals. Republican lawmakers have also led proposals that address [mental health challenges](#) among kids, [statewide childcare reform](#), [lower drug costs](#), and more.

Republicans from the start of session this year have held the majority party accountable for a [misguided agenda](#) that includes [far reaching](#) and [unrelated bills](#) that [do not address](#) immediate problems Oregonians are facing.

Meanwhile, Republican members voted to expedite the passage of [essential budget bills](#), as well as policies related to wildfire recovery such as [HB 2341](#).

“It’s important for Republicans to continue standing up for the Oregonians who can’t be here, pushing for real solutions and bipartisan consensus,” said House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby.) “Unfortunately, the majority party is still pushing an aggressive agenda that threatens personal safety, freedoms, and the recovery of our communities across the state. We’re halfway through this session, with a long way to go.”

At the end of March, House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby) [issued a call](#) for the Legislature to refocus on priority issues that continue to be an immediate need for Oregonians. The Legislature responded by moving up the [2019-2021 budget rebalance](#) to expedite important funding for communities.

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