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#### OREGON HOUSE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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#### **House Republican Leader Announces 2023 Caucus Priorities**

**SALEM, OR** – Today, during a joint press conference with Speaker Dan Rayfield (D-Corvallis) and Majority Leader Julie Fahey (D-Eugene), House Republican Leader Vikki Breese-Iverson (R-Prineville) announced the 2023 House Republican Legislative Priorities.

Leader Breese-Iverson began by highlighting the current status of our state.

"It is no secret that Oregon is at a crossroad. Despite record funding for our public education system, we continue to rank near the bottom of the national average... Oregon farmers and ranchers produce over 13 percent of our Gross Domestic Product, and even though we continue to hear about food uncertainty for many Oregonians, these producers continue to be sent a message that their farms and ranches are not valued in our state. This is not the Oregon I was raised in, know, and love," according to Leader Breese-Iverson's remarks as prepared.

The Republican Leader identified four key priorities for the 2023 Legislative Session:

- Prioritizing Fiscal Responsibility
- Addressing Housing, Homelessness, and Mental Health
- Supporting Law Enforcement and Increasing Community Safety
- Protecting Rural Oregon and Our Natural Resource Economy

"Although there are no shortage of issues to address, we are ready to get to work. Oregonians deserve nothing less," **according to Leader Breese-Iverson's remarks as prepared.** 

A copy of the 2023 House Republican Legislative Priorities is attached.



# 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PRIORITIES

## ADDRESSING HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, & MENTAL HEALTH

- EXPAND HOUSING BY CUTTING REGULATORY AND PERMITTING RED TAPE
- PROMOTE SMALL BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT AND JOB GROWTH POLICIES
- WORK TOWARDS AN ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE SOLUTION TO RISING COSTS
- ENSURE THE SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS PROVIDES SHELTERS AND SERVICES
- INVEST IN OUR MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE
- GIVE PARENTS THE TOOLS TO PROVIDE THEIR CHILDREN ACCESS TO TREATMENT
- ROLL BACK RESTRICTIONS ON REMOVING UNAUTHORIZED CAMPS

#### PRIORITIZING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- REDUCE THE OVERALL ECONOMIC BURDEN ON FAMILIES
- ENACT A TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN INCOME TAX
- MONITOR OVERALL GOVERNMENT SPENDING & WASTE
- ROLL BACK THE CORPORATE ACTIVITIES TAX (CAT)
- CREATE TAX INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESSES TO INVEST IN OREGON COMMUNITIES
- PROTECT ATTEMPTS TO TAKE OREGONIANS' KICKER

## SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT & INCREASING COMMUNITY SAFETY

- REFORM MEASURE 110
- FIGHT ILLEGAL GROW OPERATIONS AND ADDRESS THE FENTANYL CRISIS
- STAND UP FOR OREGONIAN'S SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS
- INCREASE LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE ON OUR STREETS
- SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

## PROTECTING RURAL OREGON & OUR NATURAL RESOURCE ECONOMY

- ENSURE LEGISLATION WILL BENEFIT ALL OREGONIANS, NOT JUST PORTLAND
- SUPPORT OREGON AGRICULTURE SAFEGUARD WATER FOR MULTIPLE USES, DEFEND AG LAND & BUSINESSES, PROVIDE LIVESTOCK PROTECTIONS
- FIGHT WILDFIRES BY EXPANDING THE ABILITY, FLEXIBILITY, AND RESPONSIBILITY OF STATE AGENCIES TO FIGHT THEM
- ADVOCATE FOR ACTIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT