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Oregon House Republicans Outline 2026 Legislative Priorities

SALEM, Ore. — Today, Oregon House Republicans announced their top priorities for the upcoming legislative session, focusing on affordability, public safety and education.

“Oregon families are feeling the impact of rising costs and a state government that keeps asking for more of their money without delivering results. House Republicans are listening to Oregonians and putting forward policies to help ease their financial burden, protect businesses, and grow our economy,” said **House Republican Leader Lucetta Elmer (R-McMinnville)**. “While Democrats are signaling that their top priority for the short session is combating the federal administration, our focus remains where it belongs: delivering real solutions, protecting constitutional guardrails, and ensuring public trust for the people of Oregon.”

Affordability

- **House Bill 4051:** Creates a program for deferred loans to first-time home buyers, allowing them to get their foot in the door without being overburdened by closing costs.
- **House Bill 4129:** Caps Oregon’s Clean Fuels Program – eliminating an extra 22-cent per gallon tax at the pump.
- **House Bill 4109:** Repeals Oregon’s first-in the-nation law allowing striking workers to receive unemployment insurance.

Public Safety

- **House Bill 4151:** Increases the penalty for swatting, or making a false police report in an attempt to get police to respond, from a misdemeanor to a felony.
- **House Bill 4045:** Requires communications companies doing business in Oregon to respond to search warrants within 72 hours when the underlying crime involves stalking or domestic violence.

Education

- **House Bill 4133:** Allows Oregon access to additional tax credits for education and expands Workforce Pell Grants so that students and their families can choose a learning environment that best serves their needs.

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