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Rep. Nguyen Highlights Accomplishments From The 2024 Legislative Session

Nguyen brings back millions for the district, passes key policies that keep communities safe, connects people to treatment, and provides resources Oregonians need to thrive

SALEM, Ore. – **Rep. Hoa Nguyen (D-East Portland and Damascus)**, a first-term legislator, current school board member, and the daughter of Vietnamese refugees, finished a successful conclusion of the 2024 legislative session, marking significant accomplishments in line with her mission to serve the communities she represents in Salem. Key wins include bringing necessary resources back to the district, expanding childcare for working families, making communities safer, and taking important steps to address the housing and homelessness crisis in Oregon.

"I'm proud of what I was able to accomplish for the communities I represent," said Nguyen. "While navigating the complexities of policymaking, I've celebrated many victories and worked with stakeholders to address challenges. As I reflect on my first short session, I am fueled with excitement and determination to return for the 2025 session, armed with newfound knowledge and a commitment to better serve my district."

Nguyen delivered in 2024:

Resources To Bring Down Housing Costs and Prevent Homelessness:

Nguyen knows that when it comes to housing and homelessness, it's imperative that the legislature do whatever it can to address root causes of homelessness. As the daughter of

Vietnamese refugees, she knows how important it is to provide wraparound services to newcomers who would otherwise be unable to find and make a home in Oregon.

Nguyen worked tirelessly to secure \$2 million to support the integration of Newcomers into Oregon. She plans to come back in 2025 to find a long-term, sustainable solution to getting newcomers on their feet.

Additionally, Nguyen voted to pass the <u>Emergency Housing Stability and Production Package</u>, a trio of bills that makes direct investments in communities she represents. Included within the budget allocations are:

- \$7 million to the Urban League of Portland for homelessness prevention services to people experiencing homelessness in the region. This program helps prevent homelessness.
- \$1 million to Community Warehouse to support the furnishing of reused household goods to low-income residents.
- \$3.02 million to provide recovery housing in Multnomah and Clackamas County with \$1.4 million of it going to 4D Recovery Inc., an organization in Nguyen's district that is responsive to needs of young adults and LGBTQ+ individuals in Multnomah County.

Other key parts of the legislation makes it easier to build houses so Oregon can keep up with the pace of demand.

Connecting People to Treatment and Keeping Communities Safe:

With an understanding of the challenges individuals face in seeking assistance for substance abuse and mental health issues, Nguyen voted to pass the <u>Oregon Drug Intervention Plan</u> (<u>HB 4002</u> and <u>5204</u>), legislation that invests in addiction treatment and creates the Joint Task Force for Accountability. This task force will aid in formulating a plan that incorporates evidence-based and evidence-informed tactics to increase opioid use disorder treatment providers throughout Oregon and enhance the capacity of the state's opioid use disorder treatment system.

HB 4002 included a policy that will crack down on hard and dangerous drugs like fentanyl, and connect people to treatment. Nguyen voted for the legislation because she believed it's important and decisive action to keep her communities safe. Read her <u>vote explanation</u> to learn why she voted for the legislation.

HB 5204 creates more treatment and residential recovery centers that enhance community safety by addressing the underlying issues of substance abuse and mental health challenges. Her support for this package brings \$33 million to construct or acquire property for quality recovery and treatment centers and drop offs. \$1 million was provided to Portland Opportunities

Industrialization Center (POIC) which serves folks inside her district with a peer-to-peer mentoring outreach program.

These accomplishments represent tangible progress towards fulfilling Nguyen's commitments to the people she serves and reflect her unwavering dedication to addressing her constituents' most pressing needs.

Strengthened Voice For Childcare, Expanded Access For Working Families

Nguyen <u>re-established</u> a legislative childcare alliance with business leaders, workforce and labor organizations, families, and community organizations across Oregon to collaborate on the shared vision of increasing access to affordable child care in Oregon.

The Childcare Alliance celebrated a major victory for Oregon families this session through HB 4098, Employment Related Day Care Funding Investment, a crucial investment to bolster Oregon's competitive edge in the semiconductor industry by providing essential support for working families and ensuring access to high-quality child care.

Nguyen is focused on this work into the future, saying: "We all agree - just like roads and bridges, child care is necessary infrastructure. It keeps parents working and ensures that children get the education they need and deserve."

As she reflects on the achievements of the 2024 legislative session, Nguyen remains devoted in her commitment to continued progress and service to Oregon and her district. Looking ahead, she will continue to prioritize the needs of her constituents, championing policies that foster growth, opportunity, and prosperity for all.

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