



Senator Deb Patterson

2024 Priorities & Accomplishments

Delivering for Our Community

Secured funds to expand addiction treatment and social services in our district

- \$11.5 million to Bridgeway Recovery Services to build a sobering center and additional substance use rehabilitation beds in Salem (HB 5204)
- \$3 million to the YMCA of Marion and Polk Counties to build a cross-sector social service center that includes affordable housing (SB 5201)

Funded infrastructure projects to support local housing production (SB 1530)

- \$500,000 to the City of Independence for sewer infrastructure for the Polk Community Development Corporation on Gun Club Road
- \$1,200,000 to the City of Monmouth for water, sewer, and stormwater improvements for housing development on Riddle Road
- \$300,000 to the City of Salem for infrastructure to support an affordable veterans housing development in West Salem

Helping Oregonians Get the Health Care They Need

Reducing the cost of prescriptions

- Limited out-of-pocket costs for insulin to \$35 per month (SB 1508)
- Increased transparency around drug pricing and the cost of prescription drugs (HB 4149)

Making health care more accessible

- Updated state law to prevent discrimination in determining what services are covered under the Oregon Health Plan (SB 1508)
- Implemented Medicaid coverage of comprehensive cognitive assessments and care planning for people showing signs of early onset dementia (SB 1569)

Building an Oregon that Works for Everyone

Protecting consumers from unfair practices

- The Family Financial Protection Act (SB 1595) protects consumers from unfair or unlawful debt collection practices.
- The Right to Repair bill (SB 1596) gives consumers more options for repairing their electronic devices, which will lower costs and reduce waste.

Secured funding to support children and working families

- \$12.7 million for the Summer EBT program to keep children fed over the summer, when they do not receive meals at school (SB 5701)
- \$150 million for the Employment Related Day Care program, which helps working families pay for child care costs (SB 5701)
- \$30 million for summer learning programs for K-12 students (HB 4082)

Safeguarding the environment

- The COAL Act (HB 4083) will protect public investments from the financial and environmental risks of coal. The measure directs the State Treasurer to divest from funds that support thermal coal companies.
- We are also building on the success of Oregon's marine reserves by creating a management plan to continue to protect the Oregon coast (HB 4132).

Promoting the arts in Oregon

- \$11.8 million to support arts and culture projects across the state (SB 5701), including \$150,000 to restore the Eco-Earth Globe at Riverfront Park in Salem.
- Arts unify local communities, improve individual well-being, strengthen the economy, and drive tourism and revenue to local businesses.

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