



Senator Deb Patterson

Senate District 10

2025 Legislative Priorities

Reducing hunger in Oregon

- Oregonians are struggling with high grocery prices, and local food banks report high levels of food insecurity in our area.
- My top priority for next year is securing funding to expand the Marion-Polk Food Share, so they can better serve the needs in our community.

Addressing housing affordability and accessibility

- Over the next several years, affordability protections will expire on thousands of housing units across the state. I am working to find funding to preserve affordability for these units, and to help keep tenants housed.
- There is also a shortage of accessible housing for people with disabilities and older adults. We need to build more accessible housing units to better meet the needs of Oregonians.

Improving access and transparency in health care

- One of my key priorities will be to address hospital discharge challenges for patients who are ready to be discharged from a hospital but face barriers in moving to other types of care, such as skilled nursing or long-term care.
- I am also working to improve transparency and understand how corporatization in health care and nursing homes affects prices and safety for patients.

Reducing plastic pollution

- Oregonians are increasingly concerned about microplastics--tiny plastic particles that pollute the environment and impact both animals and human health.
- I am working on legislation to prevent microplastics from entering Oregon's waterways, which will protect both public health and our environment.

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