



# OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS 2011 SESSION AGENDA CHECKLIST

Oregon Senate Democrats are committed to facing the state's financial challenges with a clear set of priorities: growing jobs, protecting our children's future, and looking out for the most vulnerable. Like most Oregonians, we understand the importance of doing more with less and setting clear priorities to make Oregon a better place to own a small business and raise a family. This Session, Oregon Senate Democrats:

**Promoted economic growth by helping Oregon small businesses create jobs and by providing our children with a quality education.** *Oregon Senate Democrats recognize that small businesses are the backbone of our economy and a strong education system is key to rebuilding our state. We stood by this commitment, passing legislation that:*

- ✓ Removes barriers to loans and capital while creating a one-stop shop for businesses to get up and running in Oregon; (SB 494, HB 3247)
- ✓ Fights to make sure our children have the best education and workforce training to lead the way in a new economy; (SB 5552, SB 5553, SB 175, HB 3362)
- ✓ Protects our investments in Oregon's children and our state's future by continuing our commitment to early childhood education programs; and (HB 5055)
- ✓ Continues Oregon's competitive advantage in the green economy to promote Oregon-based businesses, harness home-grown energy, and advance the innovative technologies of the future. (SB 862, HB 2960)

**Supported Oregon families and businesses that play by the rules by going after those who break the law, cheat consumers, and deceive investors.** *Oregon Senate Democrats continue to stand up for Oregon families and businesses. We kept our promise to promote fairness for Oregonians by:*

- ✓ Building on our achievements in providing health care coverage to Oregonians, especially to Oregon children, while implementing cost control measures for families and small businesses; (SB 99, HB 3650)
- ✓ Continuing to make sure our laws protect Oregon families against predatory financial schemes and scams; and (SB 487 & SB 292)
- ✓ Ensuring that the tools available to Oregonians who are facing foreclosure are being properly implemented. (SB 827)

**Improved government accountability and responsiveness so we can protect vital services for working families.** *Oregon Senate Democrats have led the charge to modernize state government, get the greatest value out of every tax dollar, and make sure all levels of government are accountable to Oregonians. We will continue these efforts by:*

- ✓ Protecting taxpayer dollars by demanding greater transparency and efficiency and by making sure state agencies are implementing common-sense audit recommendations; (HB 2825, HB 2788, HB 3291)
- ✓ Evaluating tax credits to ensure they are creating jobs and stimulating the economy; (HB 3672)
- ✓ Modernizing the delivery of services to meet the needs of Oregonians by updating technology and utilizing innovative tools; and (SB 14, HB 2136, HB 3105)
- ✓ Increasing government accountability by implementing fixed-length annual sessions that offer the greatest cost savings possible.