

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Education and Kids

SB 5519 Reinvesting in and Stabilizing Oregon's K-12 Public Schools

Provides \$6.75 billion in resources to Oregon K-12 schools for the 2013-2015 biennium, one billion dollars over the previous biennium's budget. This investment marks a 17 percent increase, allowing most school districts to avoid further cuts to school days and teacher positions. Some school districts will be able to add back positions and programs.

HB 2787 Tuition Equity

Grants in-state tuition to students entering the university system if they attended elementary or secondary schools in the United States for at least five years immediately prior to receiving a high school diploma, graduated from an Oregon high school, and are actively working toward U.S. citizenship.

SJR 1 Oregon Opportunity Initiative

Oregon Opportunity Initiative makes college more affordable for Oregon families by creating a permanent and dedicated fund to finance additional aid to aspiring students. Over time, the Oregon Student Opportunity Fund would provide funding to greatly expand Oregon Opportunity Grant awards, which gives tuition assistance to students attending an Oregon community college, university or private institution.

SB 270 University Governing Boards

Allows Oregon's public universities to establish governing boards, providing them with more freedom and flexibility to leverage dollars and give students the best education possible while still maintaining sound legislative oversight over tuition increases and new academic programs.

HB 3120 Higher Education Coordinating Committee (HECC)

Helps Oregon achieve statewide educational goals and strategic initiatives by streamlining Oregon's higher education system, and expanding direction and oversight of the Higher Education Coordinating Committee.

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SB 498 Career and Technical Education Grants

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HB 2158 Veterans Tuition Discount

Requires that colleges charge in-state tuition for undergraduate veterans with either an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions if the veteran demonstrates his or her physical presence in Oregon within 12 months of enrollment. That saves veterans from having to pay the added 50 percent calculation that is not covered by the GI Bill.

SB 529 ESDs

Allows school districts to withdraw from Education Service Districts if the districts can provide services to students for less money and more efficiently.

HB 3232 OEIB Strategic Education Initiatives

Provides funding for and directs the Oregon Education Investment Board to design and implement strategic education initiatives, including early reading programs, support for post-secondary aspiration programs and mentor programs, and professional development for educators.

SB 540 School Building Upgrade Planning

Begins the process of updating and improving Oregon's school buildings by appropriating \$425,000 to the Department of Education for a Task Force on School Capital Improvement Planning.

HB 2501 Small High Schools

Extends Oregon's Small High School Grant Program which enables small high schools to offer a greater diversity of educational programs.

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HB 2636 STEM Investment Council

Creates the STEM Investment Council that will advance educational initiatives in science, technology, engineering, and math as well as establishes a STEM grant program to ensure Oregon kids are receiving world-class training for the jobs of the future.

HB 2898 More Educational Tools for Students with Disabilities

Provides students with disabilities the tools they need to pursue a college education and allows Portland Community College to develop a new Public Safety training program in Scappoose.

SB 222 Dual Credits Expansion

Expands dual credits programs by establishing the Accelerated Learning Committee, which will examine ways to develop partnerships between high schools, community colleges, and universities. The bill also requires community colleges to collaborate with interested school districts to facilitate college credit programs, and only allows high schools to require more than 24 credits if the additional credits qualify for credit at a postsecondary institution.

HB 2013 Early Learning Hubs

Directs Early Learning Council to establish Early Learning Hub Demonstration projects to integrate and streamline state programs for at-risk youth and ensure that children are prepared to learn when they enter kindergarten.

HB 2649 Expanding the Farm to School Program

The Farm to School program enables schools to offer fresh, locally sourced products in their cafeterias, and to design corresponding hands-on curricula that may include farm visits, gardening, cooking, composting, and recycling. This bill appropriates \$500,000 to the program.

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HB 3093 Public Charter School Finance Management

Aims to ensure that public charter schools maintain sound and stable financial management systems and that the state has reasonable means to regulate financially unstable charter schools.

HB 2747 Reforming Inter-School District Transfers

Ensures that school districts treat all students equally when conducting inter-district transfers, regardless of race, economic status, athletic ability, or anything else.

HB 3079 Private Career College Accountability

Holds private career schools accountable for the promises they make to students by regulating advertising and solicitation of students, and by requiring them to provide fact sheets about educational value, school performance, and financial cost.

HB 2958 Community Colleges Supporting 40-40-20

Promotes Oregon's higher education options by requiring community colleges to make information available to high school juniors and seniors about academic programs, in order to meet the state's 40-40-20 goals.

SB 755 Increasing the Number of Minority Teachers

Increases the number of minority teachers, administrators, and students enrolled in teacher prep programs by 10% by 2015 by making important changes to the Oregon Minority Teacher Act.

SB 721 Concussion Safety Rules for Club Sports

Jenna's Law, increases the recognition and treatment of concussions by requiring club coaches and referees of club sports to complete training course.

SB 132 Immunizations for Children Entering School

Promotes healthier schools by requiring parents to affirm that they have received information about the benefits of immunization before declining to vaccinate their children in advance of enrollment at school.

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HB 3296 Protecting Student Athletes from Sports Agents

Protects the college eligibility of student athletes and the integrity of amateur sports by increasing the regulation of sports agents in Oregon.

SB 2 Tuition for Medical Students Committed to Serve in Rural Communities

Establishes the Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative to provide free tuition for OHSU medical students who commit to practice medicine in rural communities after graduation.

SB 831 Diversity Training for Highway Construction Workforce

Provides funds to train and prepare individuals for highway construction jobs in order to increase minority contracting in the highway construction workforce.

HB 3341 Community College Workforce Programs

Makes job-training programs more affordable by repealing the ‘adverse impact’ statute that allowed for-profit career schools to preempt programs offered at local community colleges.

SB 344 Protections for Students’ Social Media Privacy

Provides social media privacy protections for students enrolled in Oregon colleges, universities, and private institutions of higher education.

HB 3000 Eye Exams at Public Schools

Keeps Oregon student’s vision health strong by requiring public school students at age seven to have vision screening or eye examinations.

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HB 3231 Youth Development

Creates the Youth Development Division in the Oregon Department of Education, which will evaluate and integrate youth services provided to students from first grade to adulthood with the goal of reducing criminal involvement by improving supports in order for youth to be successful.

HB 3232 Strategic Investments in Innovative Education Programs

Specifies targeted investments in Oregon Reads, Guidance and Support for Post-Secondary Aspirations, and Connecting to the World of Work, including investments in STEM programs;

HB 3233 Educator network for Teaching and Learning

Establishes the Network of Quality Teaching and Learning, aimed at making educators more effective and promoting student-centered learning;

HB 3234 Early Learning

Creates the Early Learning Division in the Department of Education to ensure students have access to high-quality care and early learning experiences that serve as a foundation for academic success.

SB 444 Protecting Kids from Secondhand Smoke in Cars

Prohibits smoking in a motor vehicle when children are present in order to protect them from the effects of secondhand smoke.

SB 365 Requiring Insurance Coverage of Autism Treatment

Requires coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) to be included in PEBB and OEGB, and requires private insurance to cover it by 2016. Establishes the Behavior Analysis Regulatory Board to provide licensure and regulatory oversight for practitioners of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). Requires the Health Evidence Review Commission to evaluate ABA as a treatment for ASD.

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SB 789 OEGB Opt-Out for Certain School Districts

Simplifies the administrative process for school districts that offer private health plans to their employees instead of plans through the state's Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEGB), so that districts only have to justify their private plan for the first six years, and then only upon request by their employees. Limits total period of time school district or educational service district is subject to actuarial analysis to six years when district provides health benefit plans other than those provided by OEGB.

HB 2913 Governance of Career and Technical Education Program

Clarifies that the Career and Technical Education Revitalization Grant Program will be run by the Oregon Department of Education and the Bureau of Labor and Industries. They will jointly establish a committee to set goals for the program, develop criteria, review all grant applications and make recommendations related to the awarding of grants.

HB 3472 'Pay It Forward, Pay It Back' Tuition for Higher Education

Directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to create a Pay It Forward pilot program to put before the 2015 legislature. Pay It Forward would allow college students to attend college tuition-free and debt-free, and upon graduation begin paying a small, fixed percentage of their income into a public fund for education.

HB 2188 Ensuring Accountability for Career Colleges

Allows Higher Education Coordinating Commission to retain reasonable costs related to investigation and assessment of career school civil penalties

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Jobs & Economic Development

SB 246 Industrial Lands Site Readiness

Allows the Oregon Business Development Department to work with public entities to develop certified regionally significant industrial sites.

SB 253 Industrial Site Readiness Assessment

Creates the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program, which will provide grants to help local governments survey the availability of industrial sites and create a plan to help develop these areas.

HB 2800 Interstate 5 Columbia River Bridge Replacement Project

Authorizes the Oregon Department of Transportation to finance and begin work on the I-5 replacement bridge. The project includes interchange upgrades, the extension of light rail service to Vancouver, and a new double-deck bridge. Unfortunately, Washington's state legislature did not concur in authorizing funds for the project.

SB 833 Safe Roads Act, Implementing short-term driver cards

Will allow Oregonians to obtain a short-term driver card from the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services division (DMV), leading to more accountability for these drivers on Oregon roads. Applicants must reside in Oregon for at least 1 year, and must meet all other requirements of a driver's license. Driver cards issued under SB 833B will be valid for four years, rather than the eight-year validity period for a standard driver license.

SB 814 Environmental Claims Reform

Provides relief for companies by strengthening the cleanup assistance law to include a new list of unfair environmental claims settlement practices and a private right of action for policyholders to pursue insurance companies based on the list. The bill also provides for a non-binding mediation process to encourage resolution of disputes over claims. Since cleanup efforts are funded by insurance claims, policyholders will have more ways to obtain much-needed resources from their insurance policies to comply with federal and state requirements.

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Jobs & Economic Development (*continued*)

SB 307 Tax certainty for companies that use single sales factor

Boosts job creation in Oregon by making it abundantly clear to corporations and businesses that the state will not unilaterally change the way business taxes are calculated. Oregon initially adopted the Multistate Tax Compact in 1967 in order to assist corporations doing business in more than one state pay their fair amount of taxes. Since then, Oregon has moved to calculating corporate taxation solely through the single sales factor, which only takes into consideration sales within Oregon's borders.

HB 2225 Oregon Business Retention and Expansion Program

Renews the Business Expansion Program, which provides an upfront award to a company planning to expand or locate in Oregon based on the estimated income tax revenues generated by new hires associated with the project over a two-year period. In addition, to qualify for the program, there must be at least 50 new hires associated with the project with wages that meet or exceed 150 percent of the state or county average, whichever is less.

SB 582 Rural building codes regional solutions

Allows the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services to enter into agreements with local governments to when requested to provide additional building inspection services. The bill also provides for special consideration of the needs of rural and remote regions of Oregon when crafting and adopting the state building code.

SB 440 Rural health care provider loan repayment program

Renews loan repayment program to bolster Oregon's health care workforce, expanding access to primary care services in rural and underserved areas

HB 2646 Prevailing wage for OUS construction projects

Oregon's prevailing wage law is designed to ensure competent work, efficient use of state resources, and competition among qualified contractors while maintaining compensation standards that fit the surrounding community. The intent of HB 2646A is to make certain that construction projects at Oregon's universities comply with the state policy that publicly-funded works use prevailing wage.

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Jobs & Economic Development (*continued*)

HB 3341 Increasing Job Training Programs at Community Colleges

Before HB 3341, community colleges seeking to establish new programs that are also offered by for-profit career colleges must give a notice of intent to the career college. If the career college demonstrates that it may be adversely impacted by the community college offering, the community college is prohibited from developing and offering the new course. HB 3341B eliminates the career college's ability to unilaterally block a community college course.

HB 2296 Benefit Companies

Allows a company to add a social or environmental benefit as a key mission of the business, in addition to profit. This bolsters companies doing social good, and also maintains integrity by requiring benefit companies to compile an annual report about the social or environmental benefits provided by the organization.

HB 3400 Buy Oregon contract transparency

Since 2009, agencies have been able to buy agricultural products produced and transported entirely within Oregon as long as the Oregon product costs no more than 10 percent above the lowest bid. Additional preferences for Oregon goods and services were authorized by the legislature in 2011. HB 3400A will help the public track the implementation of these "Buy Oregon" incentives.

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HB 2656 Transient Lodging Tax for Tourism Promotion

The state transient lodging tax is a 1% tax imposed on any consideration rendered for the sale, service, or furnishing of transient lodging. Tax receipts are collected from lodging customers by providers and remitted to the Department of Revenue each quarter. The bill identifies the point of taxation to be at the retail level, which in essence allows the new tax collectors (online travel companies) to pay the tax based on their sale price (retail price to consumer) not the net or wholesale price they were charged by the lodging provider (hotel or motel). Proceeds benefit tourism promotion by local governments.

HB 2427 Limiting Canola Growth in the Willamette Valley

Prohibits raising canola in Willamette Valley. Prohibits Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) from designating any control area in Willamette Valley that allows raising canola. Authorizes ODA to assess civil penalty up to \$25,000 for violation. Applies to raising canola planted on or after effective date. Sunsets prohibition on growing canola in Willamette Valley on January 2, 2018. Directs College of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University to conduct peer-reviewed study and report results to interim committee of Legislative Assembly by November 1, 2016. Identifies study components.

HB 3276 Coos Bay Rail Line

Exempts Coos Bay Rail Line from property taxation for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2012. Provides for a refund without interest of taxes for the tax year beginning July 1, 2012 upon filing of an application with the county assessor. Waives these taxes if they have not been paid.

HB 2700 Aggie Bonds

Establishes the Beginning and Expanding Farmer Loan Program administered by the Oregon Business Development Department to help local Oregon farmers access capital and credit.

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SB 254 Contracting Transparency for Local Construction Management

Requires state and local agencies to use standardized rules when awarding contracts under the “Construction Management/General Contractor” (CMGC) method. State and local governments increasingly use the CMGC method to award contracts for large value projects and structures with historical value. SB 254A is the product of a legislative work group that came together in order to assess the ramifications of CMGC’s rising popularity as an alternative to traditional ‘low-bid’ contracting. The bill responds to concerns that the CMGC process does not provide for sufficient transparency of the contracting process by creating a standardized framework and set of rules that agencies will use.

HB 3464 Coos Bay Channel Project

The Coos Bay Channel Project to support increased maritime commerce and new marine terminal development in the Coos Bay Harbor. This bill modifies schedule and conditions for issuance of lottery bonds to pay costs of Coos Bay Channel Project.

HB 3459 Office of Small Business Assistance

The Office of Small Business Assistance will facilitate interactions between small businesses and state agencies. In order to ensure a level playing field, the office will also conduct reviews and investigations of complaints received from small business with respect to interactions with state agencies.

SB 841 Rural Wineries

Provides that a small winery or a large winery meeting annual production requirements may be established on land zoned for mixed farm and forest use and repeals the January 1, 2014 sunset of authorization for wineries to be established on EFU zoned land. The bill is focused on smaller wineries and does not change regulations for large wineries but does modify activities so that it mirrors the language for small wineries as it relates to the marketing and selling of wine and commercial events.

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Jobs & Economic Development (*continued*)

HB 3367 Expanding the Oregon Film and Video Incentive

Adds an additional \$8 million to the Oregon Film and Video Tax Credit for the next biennium. Increases the annual cap on film and video tax credit from \$6 million to \$10 million per year.

HB 3342 Public Sector Neutrality in Union Organizing

Ensures employees have full opportunity to be represented by a labor union by prohibiting a public employer from using public funds to deter, support, assist, or promote union organizing.

SB 782 State Contracting Apprenticeships

Requires state contracting agencies to use apprenticeship labor for at least ten percent of contract work.

SB 241 University Research Accelerator/Oregon RAIN

Creates the South Willamette Valley Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) and appropriates \$3.75 million. Universities and cities will collaborate through RAIN to tap into the research and education expertise of academia to bolster economic growth and initiatives.

SB 678 Extending Protections in Workers Compensation Cases (Cortez Case)

Extends exclusive remedy protections of workers' compensation statutes to partners, limited liability company partners, general partners, limited liability partners and limited partners.

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Jobs & Economic Development (*continued*)

HB 2323 Oregon Growth Board and Oregon Growth Fund

Renews the Oregon Growth Board and creates the Oregon Growth Fund to encourage investment in and availability of capital to instate businesses, and increase resources available to further economic development. The Oregon Growth Board will make investments in, and provide loans or grants to, businesses to promote economic development. The bill allocates \$1.9 million to the Oregon Growth Fund.

HB 2345 West Coast Infrastructure Exchange

Establishes the ten-member Oregon Innovation in Infrastructure Task Force. It will examine possible participation in a ‘west coast infrastructure exchange,’ which entails partnering with innovators in other states and regions on the west coast to evaluate the status of existing infrastructures and to develop and implement critical infrastructure projects. These projects could include energy transmission and efficiency, water storage capacity, municipal water systems, and wastewater management.

HB 2927 Contracting Standards at the Port of Portland

Provides that in awarding contracts and leasing spaces, the Port of Portland may establish best value standards and criteria. These criteria may include experience, technical capability and past performance; the qualifications, compensation and retention policies of bidding contractors and lessees with respect to the staff and subcontractors operating at the port; and the potential local and regional benefit within the port, the surrounding community, the region and the state.

HB 3435 Distilleries

Allows distillers to conduct tastings, aside from the licensed premises of the distillery, at up to five areas.

HB 2643 Small Business Information Clearing House

Directs the Secretary of State to put together a central information clearing house on all known state licenses, certifications, permits, and registrations that affect small businesses.

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Jobs & Economic Development (*continued*)

HB 2977 Wage Theft Prevention for Construction Workers

Establishes licensing requirements for construction labor companies and requires these companies to apply for and obtain a license before recruiting and hiring workers for projects. Workers who are hired by a company that has not obtained a license under HB 2977B would have a cause of action to recover any unpaid wages that are due to the employee.

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Rural Oregon Communities

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SB 606 Wave Energy Siting

Adopts requirements outlined in the Oregon Territorial Sea Plan, including a decision-making process concerning the development of renewable energy facilities zero to three nautical miles from shore. SB 606A requires wave energy facility owners to provide decommissioning and finance plans, which help ensure new facilities remain accountable to their local communities. These provisions ensure that ocean energy will be developed and decommissioned responsibly, while avoiding unnecessary burdens and costs for local governments.

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HB 2206 State Support for Counties in Fiscal Distress

Allows counties experiencing fiscal distress to request a declaration of emergency from the Governor. In the case of a declared emergency, state agencies may coordinate with counties to provide elections services, revenue collection, and veterans services to county residents.

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Rural Oregon Communities (*continued*)

SB 839 Water Management

Establishes the Water Supply Development Account to assist rural Oregon communities in building water storage projects for needs in summer.

HB 3452 Wolf Management

Stipulates that nothing in wildlife laws is intended to prevent Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) or Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) from lethally taking wolves to address chronic depredation of livestock, regardless of management status of wolves.

HB 2649 Expanding the Farm to School Program

The Farm to School program enables schools to offer fresh, locally sourced products in their cafeterias, and to design corresponding hands-on curricula that may include farm visits, gardening, cooking, composting, and recycling. This bill appropriates \$500,000 to the program.

HB 3441 Fish Hatchery Research Center

Establishes Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board (Board) and specifies membership and duties. Stipulates Board consists of 15 members, including 12 voting members appointed by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Director. Names hatchery research center located on Fall Creek, near Alsea, as Oregon Hatchery Research Center (OHRC) and requires OHRC to carry out certain duties.

HB 2700 Aggie Bonds

Establishes the Beginning and Expanding Farmer Loan Program administered by the Oregon Business Development Department to help local Oregon farmers access capital and credit.

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Rural Oregon Communities (*continued*)

HB 3086 Sage Grouse Habitat Mitigation

Authorizes the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to develop and administer a uniform policy of mitigating adverse effects that proposed actions may have on a core area sage grouse habitat. This policy could include off-site mitigation and the formation of mitigation banks, and is intended to provide a landscape approach to sage grouse mitigation efforts.

HB 3453 Emergency Public Safety Support for Rural Counties

In an effort to reduce injury to persons and property resulting from public safety emergencies, this bill creates opportunities for cooperation among units of local government and allows the Governor to act on their behalf. The Governor may proclaim a public safety fiscal emergency, in consultation with legislative leaders.

HB 2216 Provider Tax for Expansion of Health Care Coverage

Renews health care provider taxes on hospitals and long term care facilities, leveraging federal funds to provide health care for more Oregonians. Rural hospitals are mostly exempt from the hospital tax.

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Public Safety

HB 3194 Comprehensive Public Safety Reform

A consensus proposal from law enforcement, victims' rights groups, and community corrections that implements critical cost savings and reinvestment in community corrections and evidence-based practices. Expands probation programs for lesser nonviolent offenses such as marijuana possession and other drug offenses, while prioritizing prison beds for serious violent offenders. The bill is estimated to produce a minimum of \$326 million in reduced costs at the Department of Corrections over the next ten years. Without the provisions in HB 3194A, prisons are predicted to grow by 2,000 inmates over the coming decade, at the expense of prevention programs and other critical state services such as education and health care. A broad coalition of advocates from across the political spectrum have urged action to rein in prison growth and spending by passing HB 3194A.

SB 673 Cracking Down on Sex Trafficking

Enhances penalties for sex trafficking if the victim is under 15 years of age.

HB 3253 Sex Offender Registry

Ensures Oregon's communities stay safe and criminals cannot escape sentences by requiring that sex offenders who were convicted in other states also register as a sex offender in Oregon.

HB 2205 Mandatory Reporting for Elder Abuse

Keeps Oregon's senior citizens safe by adding legislators, dentists, attorneys, and chiropractors to the list of people who must report elderly abuse.

HB 2710 Protecting Civil Liberties from Use of Drone Technology

Regulates how law enforcement agencies may use drone technology, giving Oregonians additional civil liberties protections.

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Public Safety (*continued*)

SB 565 Police Force at OHSU

Allows OHSU to establish its own police force, keeping the campus safe at all times if a dangerous situation arises, and state and local police do not have enough time to react.

SB 421 Civil Commitment Process for Criminals

Keeps extremely dangerous and mentally ill criminals off the streets by changing the process by which a person may be civilly committed in the Oregon State Hospital in order to receive mental health treatment.

SB 93 Reentry Support and Services

Authorizes the Department of Corrections to make grants to counties for reentry support and services to certain juvenile offenders.

HB 2121 Proof of Treatment Completion for License Reinstatement

Prohibits the DMV from reinstating driving privileges to someone unless the person provides proof of completing a treatment program, keeping Oregon's roads safe from reckless drivers.

HB 3317 9-1-1 Emergency Tax Renewal

Extends sunset date for emergency communications tax from January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2022.

HB 3327 Record Expunction

Allows two distinct groups of people to apply for sealing or setting aside some of the lesser degree sex offenses that are non-forced and non-coerced. People who qualify include those who already qualify under current law for relief from sex offender registration and those with a conviction for a Class C felony sex offense who meet certain requirements.

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Public Safety (*continued*)

SB 6 Cracking Down on Animal Cruelty

Significantly increases criminal penalties for animal abusers—including raising the sentencing grid categories based on repeat offenses and the number of animals neglected. It also speeds up the process by which animals can be adopted, and aims to decrease the number of bad-acting rescue groups by requiring registration and licensing.

HB 3263 More Leave for State Workers Surviving Domestic Abuse

Provides an additional 160 hours for survivors who are state employees, provided that they have exhausted all other accrued paid leave. The bill also requires that the State of Oregon inform all employees of the state's requirement to provide safety accommodations for victims of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, and harassment.

HB 2549 New Tiered Risk Assessments for Sex Offenders

Creates a three-tier system for ranking sex offenders based on their risk as established by a designated risk assessment tool. It requires all offenders in the current system to be reclassified.

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Safe Roads

SB 833 Safe Roads Act

Allows Oregonians to obtain a short-term driver card from the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services division (DMV), leading to more accountability for these drivers on Oregon roads. Applicants must reside in Oregon for at least 1 year, and must meet all other requirements of a driver's license. Driver cards issued under SB 833B will be valid for four years, rather than the eight-year validity period for a standard driver license.

SB 9 Stronger Penalties for Texting While Driving

Increases penalty for texting or calling while driving to a Class C violation with maximum \$500 fine.

HB 2800 Approval of Funding for Interstate 5 Replacement Bridge

Authorizes the Oregon Department of Transportation to finance and begin work on the I-5 replacement bridge. The project includes interchange upgrades, the extension of light rail service to Vancouver, and a new double-deck bridge.

SB 260 Connect Oregon V

Includes \$42 million in lottery bonds for new and improved roads, ports, bridges, rail, and other transportation projects across Oregon. Includes a substantial appropriation for bike and pedestrian projects.

SB 810 Road User Fee Pilot Project

Allows up to 5,000 Oregonians to participate in a pilot project for highly-fuel efficient vehicles to pay a road user fee to supplant revenue that would otherwise have been paid through the gas tax.

HB 2542 Harsher Penalties for Hit and Run that Results in Injuries

Directs Department of Transportation to revoke a license for three years where the defendant is convicted of failure to perform the duties of a driver to injured person and court notes on record that a person sustained serious physical injury

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Affordable and Quality Health Care

HB 2216 Provider Tax Renewal Expanding Health Care

Renews health care provider taxes on hospitals and long term care facilities, leveraging federal funds to provide health care for more Oregonians. Continues the existing 4.3 percent hospital assessment, and adds an additional one percent assessment. The two steps combined will generate approximately a 2-1 federal match, totaling over \$1.6 billion. Additionally, the Long Term Care Facility Assessment continuation is estimated to garner nearly \$400 million for the coming biennium. A recent economic study initiated by the Oregon Health Leadership Council found that every \$1 million provided in federal matching funds goes to support 13.7 jobs in Oregon, meaning that the total of matching funds from HB 2216 will support over tens of thousands of jobs statewide.

SB 483 Early Discussion and Mediation of Health Care Disputes

Sets up an opportunity for health care providers and patients in Oregon to voluntarily meet in order to discuss a health incident that caused harm. The confidentiality rules of the process will allow providers to discuss these incidents free of fear the conversation can be used against them in court. These discussions could include an apology and an offer of compensation from the health care provider to the patient.

SB 365 Requiring Insurance Coverage of Autism Treatment

Requires coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) to be included in PEBB and OEBC, and requires private insurance to cover it by 2016. Establishes the Behavior Analysis Regulatory Board to provide licensure and regulatory oversight for practitioners of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). Requires the Health Evidence Review Commission to evaluate ABA as a treatment for ASD.

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Affordable and Quality Health Care (*continued*)

SB 440 Loan Repayment Program for Rural Primary Care Practitioners

Renews loan repayment program to bolster Oregon's health care workforce and expand access to primary care services in rural and underserved areas.

SB 420 Dense Breast Tissue Examinations

Requires a health care facility that performs a mammogram noting dense breast tissue to notify the patient about their breast density. This notification will also include information about the risks associated with dense breast tissue and alternative screening modalities, such as ultrasound, that may provide for better detection of breast cancer.

HB 2992 Fresh Farm Foods for Low-Income Families and Seniors

Allows low-income mothers and seniors to use SNAP and WIC benefits to purchase fresh food at local farmer's markets and stands.

SB 450 Streamlining Human Services Delivery

Responds to claims that Oregon's current human services delivery system remains fragmented, bureaucratic, and difficult to navigate, leaving many Oregonians, who often need assistance from multiple programs, spending time filling out paperwork. Establishes 20-member Task Force on Delivery of Human Services who will provide recommendations to the 2015 Legislative Assembly in order to address these concerns.

SB 683 Medical Self-Referral Revision

Prohibits a health practitioner from limiting their referral of a patient to a facility in which the practitioner or a family member has a financial interest (five percent or greater direct or indirect ownership interest), or a facility that employs the practitioner. Specifies that the practitioner must only refer patients based on the patient's needs and personal health choices.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Affordable and Quality Health Care (*continued*)

HB 2902 Practitioner Pay Equity

Enhances Oregon's health care workforce by giving nurse practitioners and physician assistants pay equity with physicians for services.

SB 414 Insurance Restitution

Gives the Director of DCBS the power to seek restitution and other equitable relief on behalf of a consumer who suffers damage as a result of an insurer's violation of the Insurance Code. Under current law, the Director can fine an insurance company for violating the law, but not order the company to pay the claims involved in their violation, so SB 414 provides this authority.

SB 172 Early Detection of Heart Defects

Institutes use of pulse oximetry method to allow for early detection of heart defects.

HB 2611 Cultural Competency

Requires the Oregon's health care professional regulatory boards to develop standards for continuing education in cultural competence. The bill also instructs the Oregon Health Authority to develop a list of opportunities for continuing education so that providers have a variety of sources for proper cultural training.

SB 132 Immunizations for Children Entering School

Promotes healthier schools by requiring parents to affirm that they have received information about the benefits of immunization before declining to vaccinate their children in advance of enrollment at school.

HB 2896 Tanning Restrictions for Children

Prohibits an entity operating a tanning facility from allowing a person under 18 to use the tanning facility, unless the person only uses the tanning facility within the scope of a physician's recommendation.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Affordable and Quality Health Care (*continued*)

HB 3409 Natural Hair Care

Makes natural hair care more accessible for Oregonians by exempting practice from cosmetology school statutes, while maintaining safety by requiring natural hair care professionals to receive health, safety, and sanitation certification from the Board of Cosmetology. Defines natural hair care in statute as a series of non-destructive hair techniques, the making of wigs from natural hair, but excluding the use of chemical agents and most cuts.

HB 2123 Licensing Pharmacy Benefit Managers

Requires pharmacy benefit managers to register with the Department of Consumer and Business Services, establishes regulations for registered PBMs, requires pharmacy audits, and provides greater transparency in prescription drug pricing. Pharmacy benefit managers (PBM) are third party administrators of prescription drug benefit programs, and are primarily responsible for processing and paying prescription drug claims.

SB 728 Stroke and Trauma Care

Establishes a 17-member State Trauma Advisory Board within the Oregon Health Authority to advise the authority with regards to the state emergency medical services and trauma system. The bill directs the Board to analyze data related to the state's emergency medical services and trauma system, and to make evidence-based decisions in suggesting improvements to the system.

SB 470 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Aims to reduce deaths caused by prescription drug overdose by authorizing the Oregon Health Authority to collect additional data under the prescription drug monitoring program.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Affordable and Quality Health Care (*continued*)

SB 569 Telemedicine Credentialing

One of the biggest barriers to increased implementation of telemedicine services in Oregon is the lack of a standardized credentialing system for providers. Often, providers have to compile dozens of pages of documentation for each hospital where they provide telemedicine consultations, and requirements vary. This bill will help solve this paperwork problem by creating a single, uniform set of standards required at each hospital. This will eliminate time-consuming barriers to critical consultations and care for patients.

SB 382 Prior Authorization for Prescription Benefits

Improves efficiency and reduces administrative costs associated with prescribing medications by directing the Department of Consumer and Business Services and the Oregon Health Authority to jointly develop a form that all health care providers in Oregon can use to request prior authorization for prescription benefits.

SB 559 More Placement Options for Oregonians with Disabilities

Requires Department of Human Services to provide people with disabilities the opportunity to select from three placement options and ensure that they have equal opportunity for job placements.

SB 5543 Smoking Cessation Programs

Allocates \$4 million to the Oregon Health Authority for tobacco prevention and cessation programs from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

HB 2279 Local Government Health Care Cost Sharing

Allows local government governing body elect to participate in benefit plan offered by Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) or Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB), which may save them money.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Protecting Vulnerable Seniors

HB 2489 Senior Property Tax Deferral Program

Extends the ability to participate in the Senior and Disabled Property Tax Deferral Program to seniors who had been previously disqualified due to having a reverse mortgage. The Senior and Disabled Property Tax Deferral Program allows seniors and disabled individuals who have qualifying incomes and meet other criteria to defer county property taxes; the state is repaid when their homes are sold.

HB 2992 Fresh Farm Foods for Low-Income Families and Seniors

Allows low-income mothers and seniors to use SNAP and WIC benefits to purchase fresh food at local farmer's markets and stands.

HB 2205 Mandatory Reporting for Elder Abuse

Keeps Oregon's senior citizens safe by adding legislators, dentists, attorneys, and chiropractors to the list of people who must report elderly abuse.

HB 3436 Retirement Security Study

Sets up a task force that will bring together employers, elected officials, and the State Treasurer to study Oregon's retirement crisis, consider a wide variety of ideas, and propose a solution back to the legislature.

SB 626 Long Term Care Ombudsman to Protect Vulnerable Adults

Expands duties of the Long Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) to advocate for residents of care facilities who have mental illness or developmental disabilities and modifies various agency statutes to incorporate new responsibilities. Renames the Long Term Care Advisory Committee to Residential Facilities Advisory Committee and increases membership from seven to nine.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Helping Struggling Families

SB 558 Extending Foreclosure Mediation to More Homeowners

Gives homeowners at risk of foreclosure the ability to request mediation with their lender regardless of the procedure that may follow an initial foreclosure notice. In 2012, the Oregon Legislature voted to create the Foreclosure Avoidance Mediation Program (FAMP), which requires lenders to meet with homeowners in the presence of a neutral third party before a lender can proceed with a foreclosure sale. The program started operating for out-of-court foreclosures last summer, but soon after, the Oregon Court of Appeals invalidated record keeping practices used by many large lenders, which shifted most foreclosures to the courts.

HB 2536 Structured Settlement Payout Reform

In 2005, the Oregon Legislature passed a law allowing injured Oregonians to sell their structured settlement agreements to vendors in exchange for a lump sum payment. Concerns have been raised about the current process since then, which does not always fully account for the best interests of settlement recipients before allowing a one-time cash payout instead of monthly payments. One-time cash payouts can have a wide-ranging impact on the long-term financial stability of recipients. This bill responds to concerns about these one-time cash payouts by requiring courts to consider additional criteria and consumer safeguards before they can rule that exchanging a structured settlement for a one-time payout is in the best interest of the recipient.

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HB 2950 Bereavement Leave for Grieving Employees

Allows eligible employees to take up to two weeks' leave to deal with the death of a family member including attending the funeral or alternative to a funeral; making arrangements necessitated by the death; or grieving the death of the family member.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Helping Struggling Families (*continued*)

SB 396 Bankruptcy Exemptions

When a debtor files bankruptcy, nearly all of his or her property becomes part of a bankruptcy estate. The Bankruptcy Court appoints a trustee to liquidate the property and distribute the proceeds to the debtor's creditors. However, there are exemptions a debtor can use to protect certain assets from a creditor or as a defense to collection actions during bankruptcy. This bill adds a medical savings account or health savings account (HSA) to the list of Oregon exemptions a debtor can hold in assets from creditors. Debtors must choose either to use the Oregon exemptions or the federal exemptions, and allowing the federal exemptions does not affect collection actions.

SB 414 Insurance Restitution

Gives the Director of DCBS the power to seek restitution and other equitable relief on behalf of a consumer who suffers damage as a result of an insurer's violation of the Insurance Code. Under current law, the Director can fine an insurance company for violating the law, but not order the company to pay the claims involved in their violation, so SB 414 provides this authority.

HB 3159 Local Towing Regulations

Allows cities to regulate towing companies by requiring them to obtain an annual license and to establish caps on the amounts that towing companies can charge car owners to recover their vehicle. The bill also allows cities to set up a process to receive and respond to complaints from car owners regarding towing companies.

HB 2662 Requiring Upkeep on Vacant Foreclosed Properties

Requires the owner of a vacant property to post contact information on the house. The bill allows local government to require the owners of vacant properties to remedy issues of neglect or nuisance that affect the property's surrounding neighborhood. If the owner does not provide a timely remedy, the local government is authorized to address the nuisance and attach a lien against the property for costs.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Helping Struggling Families (*continued*)

HB 2654 Social Media Privacy

Prohibits an employer from requiring or requesting employee or applicant for employment to provide access to their personal social media account, or to add employer to their social media contact list.

HB 2639 Section 8 Housing Fairness

Prohibits a landlord from discriminating against a renter solely on renter's potential status as a "Section 8" voucher recipient.

SB 525 Stopping Debt Collection Schemes

Prohibits a public agency or public official from allowing person or entity to use seal or letterhead of agency or official in collection of debt, and from receiving fee in exchange for such use. The bill prohibits a district attorney from authorizing debt collector to use seal, letterhead or name of district attorney or district attorney's office pursuant to bad check diversion program.

HJM 6 Urging Congress to Rein in Campaign Spending

Urges Congress to pass a constitutional amendment in order to overturn the 2010 Supreme Court case 'Citizens United v. FEC', which led to a massive infusion of money into campaigns and elections.

SB 744 Wage Equality Study

Directs the Council on Civil Rights to conduct a study on wage equality and factors contributing to wage inequality in Oregon. The council is appointed by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries and is charged with the mission of monitoring the causes, effects, and solutions of unlawful discrimination in Oregon.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Helping Struggling Families (*continued*)

HB 2977 Cracking Down on Wage Theft

Establishes licensing requirements for construction labor companies and requires these companies to apply for and obtain a license before recruiting and hiring workers for projects. Workers who are hired by a company that has not obtained a license under HB 2977B would have a cause of action to recover any unpaid wages that are due to the employee.

HB 3263 More Leave for State Workers Surviving Domestic Abuse

Provides an additional 160 hours for survivors who are state employees, provided that they have exhausted all other accrued paid leave. The bill also requires that the State of Oregon inform all employees of the state's requirement to provide safety accommodations for victims of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, and harassment.

HB 3112 Property Tax Exemption for Locally-Owned Affordable Housing

Provides a clear exemption for property taxes for government-owned buildings, provided that the exemption is targeted at providing affordable housing opportunities for low-income Oregonians in need.

HB 2316 Expanding Access to Savings Program for Low-Income Oregonians

The Oregon IDA Initiative provides its low-income participants with financial management skills and matching accounts that boost savings, investment, and asset building. Participants save money and work towards a financial goal, and when they reach that goal the initiative matches every dollar saved through private donations. Oregon provides a tax credit of up to 75 percent of contributions to the nonprofit organization that runs the Oregon IDA Initiative. Current limits on assets mean many IDA initiative partners have had to turn away otherwise eligible participants because of their modest retirement savings. This bill changes the criteria for participating in the initiative by excluding up to \$60,000 of pension holdings from the means-tested calculation of eligibility, which includes income limits. State law currently exempts \$20,000 plus a participant's first home and vehicle from the net worth eligibility calculation.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Helping Struggling Families (*continued*)

HB 2060 Cracking Down on Phony Charities

Allows the Attorney General to disqualify a charitable organization from tax-deductible status and benefits if the organization does not spend at least 30 percent of its annual expenses on program services.

HB 3342 Public Sector Neutrality in Union Organizing

Ensures employees have full opportunity to be represented by a labor union by prohibiting a public employer from using public funds to deter, support, assist, or promote union organizing.

HB 2004 Low-Income Energy Assistance

Removes the economic triggers for the collection of the \$5 million additional moneys for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program and instead provides the Oregon Housing and Community Services Director with authority to request the increase. The measure also directs that an advisory committee be appointed for the purpose of determining to which agency the low-income energy assistance program should be transferred.

HB 2903 Requiring Employers to Post Rights of Domestic Violence Survivors

Ensures that victims and survivors of domestic violence, harassment, sexual assault, or stalking know their rights in the workplace by requiring employers with six or more employees to post a summary of statutes and related administrative rules regarding employment rights of victims of these crimes.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Helping Struggling Families (*continued*)

HB 2059 Regulating Consignment Sales

Ensures that consignment sales including sales of personal property as a consignment store and estate sales run by a third party are held to the same standard as those governing auctions, auctioneers, and auction markets. This ensures that advertisements include person responsible for the sale, and that consignees may not purchase goods in an undisclosed manner or prevent the sale of consigned goods.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Environment

SB 838 River Protections from Suction Dredge Mining

Suction dredge mining is a practice in which riverbeds are vacuumed up by a large machine in pursuit of precious minerals. Materials from the riverbed go through a sluice, allowing miners to more easily search for heavy precious metals, in particular gold. Sediment is then discharged back into the river in long murky plumes and gravel is dumped in piles called tailings. Senate Bill 838B caps the number of suction dredge mining permits at 2009 levels and asks state agencies to study and propose a comprehensive framework to regulate this kind of mining by 2015. If the Legislature does not pass a new framework by the 2015 session, a five-year moratorium on suction dredge mining in certain areas will take effect.

SB 692 Stronger Energy Efficiency Requirements for Household Appliances

Brings Oregon's requirements for energy-efficient appliances in line with those in California, helping to ensure that appliances that do not meet the highest standards won't be dumped across the border here in Oregon.

SB 844 Allowing for Incentives for Utilities to Reduce Emissions

In 2007, the Oregon Legislature passed into law one of the most ambitious goals in the nation for reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming. Coming up in 2020, Oregon's goal is to have reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 10% of levels found in 1990. By 2050, Oregon's goal is to reduce these emissions to 75% of 1990 levels. Under SB 844A, the PUC can approve incentives for natural gas utilities to invest in projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide benefits to their customers. This will help natural gas utilities promote energy sources that can put Oregon on the path to meeting its emissions reduction goals.

SB 602 Motor-Free Waldo Lake

Restricts motor-powered boats and aircraft from Waldo Lake. Sustains the tranquility and water quality of a lake considered one of the purest in the world, while maintaining access for campers, hikers, and water users.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Environment (*continued*)

SB 536 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at Public Buildings

Currently, over 80 percent of electric vehicle users charge their cars using electricity from their home. As more consumers elect to purchase electric vehicles, however, more public charging stations will be necessary to support longer trips. SB 536A will pave the way for more charging stations along heavily traveled routes by allowing state agencies to provide public access to EV charging. These additional stations can help satisfy increased demand from the public while also providing an infrastructure for agencies that purchase EVs.

SB 306 Carbon Tax Study

Directs the Legislative Revenue Officer to submit a report to the interim legislative committees on the environment and revenue. The report will examine the feasibility of a statewide carbon tax or fee as a new revenue stream, which will augment or replace portions of existing revenues.

HB 2801 Energy Efficiency Assessments

Allows public purpose charge funds being used by a utility for local energy conservation to be used to conduct energy efficiency assessments of whole buildings to maximize building energy efficiency. Creates a process by which the Construction Contractors Board licenses Home Energy Assessors. To be certified as Home Energy Assessor, an individual must adhere to rules established by the Board.

HB 2435 Biodiesel Fuel Tax Exemption

Exempts diesel fuel blended with at least 20% biodiesel derived from used cooking oil from the fuel excise tax. The exemption does not apply to fuel used in motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more. The provisions of HB 2435A applies to fuel sold after January 1, 2014 and before January 1, 2020.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Environment (*continued*)

HB 3441 Fish Hatchery Research Center

Establishes Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board (Board) and specifies membership and duties. Stipulates Board consists of 15 members, including 12 voting members appointed by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Director. Names hatchery research center located on Fall Creek, near Alsea, as Oregon Hatchery Research Center (OHRC) and requires OHRC to carry out certain duties.

SB 845 Horse Tripping Ban

Horse tripping is done intentionally at fringe rodeos, and points are awarded for ‘dropping the horse.’ These animals typically weigh more than a thousand pounds, and they have a higher center of gravity than steer or calves. The sheer physics of these half-ton creatures, crashing onto the ground from that distance, often causes serious injuries. This bill makes the practice illegal.

SB 242 Modifies Oregon’s Emissions Performance Standard

Modifies definition of “baseload energy” as it relates to Oregon’s greenhouse gas emission performance standard so that utilities do not invest in energy projects where coal is the primary source of energy.

SB 830 Gillnetting Policy Implementation

Implements Columbia River non-tribal fish management and reforms that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has implemented regarding commercial fishing and sportsfishing. Provides economic support to commercial fishers affected by the phase out of gillnetting on portions of the Columbia River.

HB 3452 Wolf Management

Stipulates that nothing in wildlife laws is intended to prevent Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) or Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) from lethally taking wolves to address chronic depredation of livestock, regardless of management status of wolves.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Environment (*continued*)

HB 2694 Sea Mapping

Oregon's territorial sea is defined as the waters and seabed extending seaward three miles from the Pacific coastline. This bill uses the development of energy sources as a means to augment Oregon's territorial sea data.

HB 3169 Off-Site Green Energy Production for State Buildings

In 2012, the Legislature revised the statutory requirement to include 1.5 percent of total contract price for inclusion of solar technologies in construction or renovation of public buildings to include the option of using geothermal energy or geothermal electricity generation. This bill allows a contract agency to use energy from green energy technology located away from the primary site of a public building if green energy technology meets certain requirements.

SB 606 Wave Energy Siting

Adopts requirements outlined in the Oregon Territorial Sea Plan, including a decision-making process concerning the development of renewable energy facilities zero to three nautical miles from shore. SB 606A requires wave energy facility owners to provide decommissioning and finance plans, which help ensure new facilities remain accountable to their local communities. These provisions ensure that ocean energy will be developed and decommissioned responsibly, while avoiding unnecessary burdens and costs for local governments.

SB 117 Expanding Bottle Bill Redemption Centers

Continues the modernization process of Oregon's iconic bottle bill law by making a pilot project bottle redemption center permanent. Allows for the expansion of the redemption center system to more parts of Oregon.

SB 839 Water Management

Establishes the Water Supply Development Account to assist rural Oregon communities in building water storage projects for needs in summer.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Helping Our Veterans

HB 2158 Veterans Tuition Discount

Requires that colleges charge in-state tuition for undergraduate veterans with either an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions if the veteran demonstrates his or her physical presence in Oregon within 12 months of enrollment. That saves veterans from having to pay the added 50 percent calculation that is not covered by the GI Bill.

HB 2417 Funding for Veterans Housing Services

Raises the county clerk property filing and recording fees from \$15 to \$20 to provide a stable funding source for preventing homelessness, rehabilitating existing veterans housing, and helping veterans attain homeownership.

SB 461 Designating Interstate 84 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway

Instructs the Oregon Department of Transportation to place signs honoring veterans of the Vietnam War along I-84 from Portland to Ontario. The Oregon State Council of Vietnam Veterans of America will pay for the creation and installation of the “Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway” signs throughout the length of I-84 in Oregon.

HB 2421 Streamlining State Services for Veterans

Instructs Oregon Department of Transportation Director (ODOT) to share names and addresses of service members and veterans with Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs Director (ODVA) on monthly basis when service members or veterans make written inquiry regarding applications for licenses, identification cards, certificates of vehicle title, or vehicle registrations.

SB 281 PTSD as Qualifying Condition for Medical Marijuana

Adds PTSD to the lists of “debilitating medical condition” for the purposes of authorizing the medical use of marijuana under the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Government Efficiency

HB 3316 Full Performance Audit of TriMet

Requires the Oregon Secretary of State to conduct a performance audit on TriMet, the transit district agency for the Portland Metropolitan Area.

HB 3400 Putting ‘Buy Oregon Contracts’ on the State Transparency Website

Since 2009, agencies have been able to buy agricultural products produced and transported entirely within Oregon as long as the Oregon product costs no more than 10 percent above the lowest bid. Additional preferences for Oregon goods and services were authorized by the legislature in 2011. HB 3400A will help the public track the implementation of these “Buy Oregon” incentives.

SB 582 Rural Building Codes & Regional Solutions

Allows the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services to enter into agreements with local governments to when requested to provide additional building inspection services. The bill also provides for special consideration of the needs of rural and remote regions of Oregon when crafting and adopting the state building code.

HB 2206 State Support for Counties in Fiscal Distress

Allows counties experiencing fiscal distress to request a declaration of emergency from the Governor. In the case of a declared emergency, state agencies may coordinate with counties to provide elections services, revenue collection, and veterans services to county residents.

SB 5538 Enhanced Tax Enforcement Measures

Provides the Department of Revenue with additional enforcement positions with the directive to reduce underreporting by taxpayers through more audits and filing enforcement. The new positions will also enable the Department to increase collections for taxes that are past due.

SB 822 Stabilizing PERS Fund

The fund that supports PERS took a substantial hit when the 2008 Wall Street crash affected portfolios across the market. Provisions of SB 822 will repair the fund that supports PERS by restructuring the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) and eliminating the income tax reimbursement for out-of-state retirees.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Government Efficiency (*continued*)

SB 631 Ensuring Inspections at Publicly-Run Restaurants

A recent news article revealed that certain restaurants run by public entities, including one at the Oregon Zoo, had not undergone a county inspection in as many as six years. State law requires a person operating a restaurant to obtain a license and have an inspection of the facility every six months, but the current law does not include restaurants run by public entities. Senate Bill 631 specifically includes public bodies and entities that operate restaurants within the inspection law such as the Oregon Zoo and Oregon Health and Science University.

SB 528 Allows State Agencies to Sell Software Designed In-House

Allows state agencies and the judicial and legislative branches to hold copyrights or patents and sell data processing programs to other local, state, and federal government agencies.

SB 536 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at Public Buildings

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HB 3459 Office of Small Business Assistance

The Office of Small Business Assistance will facilitate interactions between small businesses and state agencies. In order to ensure a level playing field, the office will also conduct reviews and investigations of complaints received from small business with respect to interactions with state agencies.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Government Efficiency (*continued*)

HB 3409 Natural Hair Care

Makes natural hair care more accessible for Oregonians by exempting practice from cosmetology school statutes, while maintaining safety by requiring natural hair care professionals to receive health, safety, and sanitation certification from the Board of Cosmetology. Defines natural hair care in statute as a series of non-destructive hair techniques, the making of wigs from natural hair, but excluding the use of chemical agents and most cuts.

HB 2460 Cracking Down on Offshore Tax Havens

Each year, corporations use complicated accounting tricks to shift profits to offshore accounts, costing the state of Oregon millions of dollars in lost revenue. This bill closes this loophole for corporations to hide their income in 39 countries that are considered offshore tax havens. The Legislative Revenue Office estimates that this bill will provide for an additional \$18 million in revenue for 2014, with a larger return in future years.

HB 3342 Public Sector Neutrality in Union Organizing

Ensures employees have full opportunity to be represented by a labor union by prohibiting a public employer from using public funds to deter, support, assist, or promote union organizing.

HB 2212 Small Procurements in Public Contracting Code

Oregon's Public Contracting Code establishes process and requirements for specific public procurements, including small and intermediate procurements determined by the dollar amount of the procurement. This bill increases the maximum amount of procurement that qualifies as small procurement under Public Contracting Code from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Government Efficiency (*continued*)

HB 3367 Tax Credit Review and Extension

Sunsets certain tax credits, such as the workers compensation tax credit and the manufacturing BETC. Extends others such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, Cultural Trust, Pension Income, and others. Restricts the additional senior medical deduction to the expenses of taxpayers who are at least 62 or older.

HB 2927 Contracting Standards at the Port of Portland

Provides that in awarding contracts and leasing spaces, the Port of Portland may establish best value standards and criteria. These criteria may include experience, technical capability and past performance; the qualifications, compensation and retention policies of bidding contractors and lessees with respect to the staff and subcontractors operating at the port; and the potential local and regional benefit within the port, the surrounding community, the region and the state.

HB 3477 Closing the Out-of-State Banks Loophole

In 1999, the Legislature created an exemption in corporate income tax law that applies only to particular out-of-state banks doing business in Oregon. The exemption has created an uneven playing field as Oregon-based banks and local credit unions aim to compete with out-of-state financial corporations. This bill repeals the loophole, correcting this inequity and providing needed funding for vital services in the future.

HB 2464 Tax Compliance

Specifies that persons failing to file tax returns, or filing incorrect or incomplete returns, are subject to a \$50 penalty for each such return, up to a maximum of \$2,500.

HB 2152 Staff to Student Ratios in Higher Education Institutions

Requires State Board of Higher Education and Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development to conduct annual reviews of public universities and community colleges, respectively, regarding staffing to student ratios.

HB 2597 Legislators Turn Down Pay Increase

While legislators provided for 'turning point' reinvestments in critical state services, they did **not** vote to raise their pay, turning down a salary increase by delinking legislator pay to a proportion of judges' salaries.

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Balanced Budget that Protects Oregonians' Priorities

During the 2013 session, lawmakers made substantial reinvestments in education, health care and human services. Senate Democrats prioritized the most critical services that vulnerable Oregonians and middle class families rely on, while producing a balanced state budget.

Highlights of the 2013-2015 budget plan include:

Education

- Adds \$1 billion in new resources to K-12 schools over the previous biennium for a total allocation of \$6.75 billion in resources
- Maintains funding for Head Start and other early childhood education
- Continues supplemental funding for small, rural high schools across Oregon
- Strategic investments in Career Technical Education and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math programs (STEM)
- Protects support for Oregon Opportunity Grants for Oregon's college students
- Authorizes lottery bonds for construction projects at all 17 of Oregon's community colleges. Projects range from classroom renovations to technology upgrades to improvements to support specialized programs important to Oregon's workforce

Savings & Resources

- Provides the Emergency Board, the Legislature's budget committee when the full body is not in session, nearly \$140 million to cover potential future shortfalls between now and 2015, including special allocations for health care programs and education programs
- Assumes savings of over \$805 million in PERS to state and local governments
- Savings from several tax credits expiring as a result of passage of HB 3367

Human Services & Health Care

- Renews the hospital and long term care self-assessments, ensuring stable funding for health care and supporting tens of thousands of jobs
- Expands Medicaid coverage to an additional 220,000 Oregonians
- Increases Employment-Related Day Care slots to 9,000 families
- Increases community mental health programs for children and young adults
- Funding for programs in Addictions and Mental Health increased by 12%
- Increased child welfare prevention programs by adding 113 new caseworkers
- Includes investments for transition to Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) model

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

Balanced Budget that Protects Priorities

Public Safety

- Public safety reform will prioritize prison beds for serious offenders while flat lining Oregon's prison population for at least five years
- More investments in community corrections and crime prevention
- Increased funding for Portland-area Gang Enforcement Teams

Economic Development & Transportation

- Increased funding for business recruitment and expansion
- \$42 million in new funds for Connect Oregon V
- \$8 million more in new incentives for Film and Video production in Oregon
- Approved \$1 billion in new state construction projects across Oregon, including many projects at Oregon's universities and local community colleges
- \$3.75 million for South Willamette Valley Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (Oregon RAIN)
- Renewed the Earned Income Tax Credit at 6% for working families

Natural Resources

- Most robust natural resource budgets in over a decade, including boosts for the Department of Environmental Quality and the Water Resources Department
- Added positions for air and water quality monitoring