



OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS 2013 AGENDA CHECK LIST

At the beginning of the 2013 Legislative Session, Senate Democrats set the right priorities to protect critical services and get Oregonians back to work. We worked to get spending under control by improving government efficiency and ending ineffective tax breaks, while looking out for children, seniors, small businesses, and our most vulnerable.

During the 2013 Legislative Session, Senate Democrats delivered on Oregon's priorities:

Championed the Needs of Small Businesses and Put Oregonians Back to Work

- ✓ *Helped businesses grow by improving access to capital, increasing availability of industrial lands, and streamlining economic development programs (HB 2323, SB 246)*
- ✓ *Invested in Oregon roads, bridges, ports, and rail to keep our economy moving (SB 260)*
- ✓ *Supported Oregon workers and businesses by promoting use of local goods and services (HB 3400)*
- ✓ *Promoted a level playing field for businesses and make it easier for small and minority-owned businesses to work with state government (SB 831)*

Invested in Public Schools and 21st Century Skills Training

- ✓ *Prioritized funding for K-12 education to keep teachers in the classroom and reduce class sizes (SB 5519)*
- ✓ *Strengthened Oregon's workforce to meet the needs of the 21st century economy by investing in community college, apprenticeships, and workforce development while connecting students with local businesses (HB 3341, SB 498, HB 2636)*
- ✓ *Increased access to higher education by helping high school students earn college credit and making college affordable for all Oregonians (SB 222, HB 3341, SJR 1)*

Stood Up for Middle Class Families

- ✓ *Held insurance companies accountable for dealing with families and small businesses fairly (SB 414)*
- ✓ *Helped families struggling to stay in their homes by expanding access to foreclosure mediation and standing up to Wall Street banks (SB 558)*
- ✓ *Improved access to affordable health care and strengthened our health care workforce statewide (HB 2216, SB 440, SB 569)*
- ✓ *Promoted clean energy to support innovative Oregon companies and protect our environment and natural resources (HB 2322, HB 2801, SB 692)*

Strengthened Rural Oregon Communities and Promoted Economic Growth

- ✓ *Supported Oregon farmers by improving access to capital and buying from local farms (HB 2649, HB 2700)*
- ✓ *Made sure our forests are healthy and productive through balanced forest management that protects natural habitats and rural economies (SB 5521)*
- ✓ *Helped local governments fund economic development and infrastructure improvements so small businesses can grow and create family-wage jobs (SB 582, SB 246, HB 2253, HB 2254)*
- ✓ *Partnered with counties to protect funding for critical services that Oregonians rely on (HB 2206)*

Prioritized Critical Services and Improved Government Efficiency

- ✓ *Eliminated wasteful programs and tax subsidies so taxpayers get the greatest value for every dollar (HB 3367, HB 2460)*
- ✓ *Strengthened public safety by prioritizing emergency services and resources for crime victims (HB 3194, HB 3317)*
- ✓ *Improved Oregon's foster care system to be more responsive and accountable so vulnerable children are safe (SB 123)*
- ✓ *Ensured government contracts are fair and open to create jobs in Oregon (HB 3400, SB 254)*