



# OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

## 2014 Legislative Check List

Getting Things Done for Everyday Oregonians.

While partisan gridlock and shutdown politics have frozen meaningful action in Washington, D.C., here in Oregon we provide leadership by working together to find common ground and move the state forward.

Oregon Senate Democrats delivered on Oregon's priorities: improving access to high quality K-12 and higher education, creating family-wage jobs to bolster the middle class, and making sure that state government delivers on Oregon's priorities.

We supported small businesses by promoting economic growth in both rural and urban Oregon. We worked to put vocational training and college in reach of all Oregonians so they can gain the skills to earn family-wage jobs. And we protected our most vulnerable Oregonians by boosting funding for mental health and senior services programs, while ensuring that Oregon's fiscal house is kept in order with a balanced state budget.

During the 2014 Legislative Session, Senate Democrats delivered on Oregon's priorities by:

### **Accelerating Job Growth and Improving the Economy Across Oregon**

- ✓ Modernized job training programs so that more Oregonians, whether they live in rural or urban parts of the state, can get the skills and training they need to earn family-wage jobs (SB 1566, HB 4058)
- ✓ Supported small businesses by eliminating unnecessary barriers and expanding access to loans and financial support (SB 1563, HB 4005)

### **Protecting Investments in Education and Expanding Access to Higher Education**

- ✓ Protected our historic \$6.85 billion investment in K-12 education to help stabilize school districts across Oregon and began to reverse the trend of teacher layoffs and shrinking school years (HB 5201)
- ✓ Increased access to higher education by taking steps to make community colleges and universities more affordable (SB 1524, HB 4116, HB 4019)

### **Making State Government Work to Meet Oregon's Top Priorities**

- ✓ Cut waste and held state contractors accountable for their work, specifically when they do not meet promises of quality or costs (HB 4122)
- ✓ Invested in mental health programs and crucial senior services that Oregonians rely on (HB 5201)
- ✓ Prioritized critical services that keep our communities safe and protect our most vulnerable (HB 4055, SB 1553, SB 1542)