

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

2015 AGENDA CHECK LIST

As Oregon's economy grows and recovers from unprecedented challenges, Senate Democrats are focused on looking out for families and small businesses in rural and urban Oregon. Senate Democrats secured funding for priority services in the budget and made targeted investments to continue to build a strong economic base across the state.

Oregon Senate Democrats are committed to improving access to quality K-12 and higher education, creating family wage jobs to support working families, and protecting Oregon's clean air and water for future generations. In the 2015 Session, Senate Democrats protected critical investments in senior and disability services and mental health care, worked to build an economy that works for everyone, and prioritized support for Oregonians who are struggling to get by.

During the 2015 Legislative Session, Senate Democrats delivered on Oregon's priorities:

INVESTED IN EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Put kids first by protecting school funding and prioritizing early childhood education (*HB 5016, HB 5017, SB 213*)
- ✓ Helped more Oregon students afford higher education by supporting colleges, universities, and financial aid (*SB 81, HB 5024, HB 3063, SB 932*)
- ✓ Promoted career training by connecting students with apprenticeships, community colleges, and opportunities they need to get family wage jobs (*HB 5016, HB 3072, HB 2728, SB 418*)

STRENGTHENED OREGON BUSINESSES AND CREATE FAMILY WAGE JOBS

- ✓ Ensured Oregon-grown businesses have the resources they need to expand and create jobs (*SB 5525, HB 2734, SB 482, HB 3239, HB 2280*)
- ✓ Invested in roads, transit, aviation and rail to keep our economy on track (*HB 5005, HB 5030, HB 5040, HB 2274*)
- ✓ Promoted innovation in clean energy to support Oregon companies and power our economy (*SB 324, SB 5510*)

STOOD UP FOR RURAL OREGON COMMUNITIES

- ✓ Kept our forests healthy and productive to support rural economies and natural habitats (*HB 5024, HB 5019, HB 2997, HB 2998*)
- ✓ Prioritized critical infrastructure improvements to keep rural communities moving (*SB 306*)
- ✓ Supported Oregon farmers by more efficiently using and storing water for agriculture (*SB 266, HB 2400, HB 5030, HB 5005*)

FOUGHT FOR WORKING FAMILIES AND STRUGGLING OREGONIANS

- ✓ Made sure hard working Oregonians can support their families and save for retirement (*SB 454, HB 2960, HB 2007, HB 2015*)
- ✓ Ensured Oregonians can access mental health services where and when they need them (*SB 832, SB 226, SB 5526, SB 5506, SB 144*)
- ✓ Held insurance companies accountable for dealing with consumers and small businesses fairly (*SB 411, HB 2605*)

ENSURED EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT CRITICAL SERVICES

- ✓ Protected taxpayers from waste by strengthening contracting laws and scrutinizing tax credits (*HB 2171, HB 2375, SB 7*)
- ✓ Stretched every tax dollar by ensuring state government serves Oregonians efficiently (*HB 3535, HB 2219, HB 2173*)
- ✓ Kept our communities safe by prioritizing emergency services and focusing on crime prevention (*SB 941, SB 525, SB 3, SB 5531, HB 2270, HB 3503, SB 5506*)