

OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

2015 SESSION AGENDA

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 will secure funding for priority services in the budget and make 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 will protect critical investments in senior and disability services and mental health care, build an economy that works for everyone, and prioritize support for Oregonians who are struggling to get by.

In the 2015 Legislative Session, we will:

INVEST IN EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ Put kids first by protecting school funding and prioritizing early childhood education
- ◆ Help more Oregon students afford higher education by supporting colleges, universities, and financial aid
- ◆ Promote career training by connecting students with apprenticeships, community colleges, and opportunities they need to get family wage jobs

STRENGTHEN OREGON BUSINESSES AND CREATE FAMILY WAGE JOBS

- ◆ Ensure Oregon-grown businesses have the resources they need to expand and create jobs
- ◆ Invest in roads, transit, aviation and rail to keep our economy on track
- ◆ Promote innovation in clean energy to support Oregon companies and power our economy

STAND UP FOR RURAL OREGON COMMUNITIES

- ◆ Keep our forests healthy and productive to support rural economies and natural habitats
- ◆ Prioritize critical infrastructure improvements to keep rural communities moving
- ◆ Support Oregon farmers by more efficiently using and storing water for agriculture

FIGHT FOR WORKING FAMILIES AND STRUGGLING OREGONIANS

- ◆ Make sure hard working Oregonians can support their families and save for retirement
- ◆ Ensure Oregonians can access mental health services where and when they need them
- ◆ Hold insurance companies accountable for dealing with consumers and small businesses fairly

ENSURE EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT CRITICAL SERVICES

- ◆ Protect taxpayers from waste by strengthening contracting laws and scrutinizing tax credits
- ◆ Stretch every tax dollar by ensuring state government serves Oregonians efficiently
- ◆ Keep our communities safe by prioritizing emergency services and focusing on crime prevention