

# OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

## 2017 SESSION AGENDA

*Oregon Senate Democrats remain resolute in our commitment to protecting Oregon as a place where everyone can thrive and all Oregonians are treated with dignity and respect. We will work hard to defend and advance policies that reflect those values.*

*In 2017, Senate Democrats will address substantial budget challenges thoughtfully, prioritizing funding for services that Oregonians value. Senate Democrats will use available resources wisely: we will continue to advance high quality education and workforce training across our state; we will focus on investments in transportation infrastructure; and we will work hard to protect Oregon's children, seniors, and our most vulnerable.*

*During the 2017 Legislative Session, Senate Democrats will deliver on Oregon's priorities by:*

### **SUPPORTING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE TRAINING FOR OREGON'S NEXT GENERATION**

- ◆ Enhancing career and technical education and workforce training by connecting with industry across Oregon
- ◆ Promoting early childhood education to help every child get a good start
- ◆ Prioritizing 21<sup>st</sup> century education and skills training in the K-20 learning environment
- ◆ Improving physical and behavioral health services in schools

### **INVESTING IN OREGON: STRENGTHENING WORKING FAMILIES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STATEWIDE**

- ◆ Focusing on housing affordability and stability across Oregon
- ◆ Investing in multi-modal transportation with balanced funding
- ◆ Addressing Oregon's child care crisis
- ◆ Supporting sustainable natural resource economies by keeping our forests and fisheries healthy and productive
- ◆ Implementing thoughtful workplace policies that are meaningful for workers, and mindful of impacts on businesses
- ◆ Promoting small business development
- ◆ Advancing the clean energy economy and green jobs

### **KEEPING OREGON HEALTHY AND SAFE**

- ◆ Advocating for safe, healthy environments in which Oregonians live, work, learn, play, and raise families
- ◆ Strengthening public health across the state
- ◆ Advancing healthcare transformation by applying lessons learned and supporting smart innovation
- ◆ Improving mental health care statewide, and providing essential services to Oregon's most vulnerable

### **PROMOTING SMART, ACCOUNTABLE, EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT**

- ◆ Facilitating meaningful discussion of tax reform and equitable enforcement
- ◆ Supporting public records transparency and timeliness
- ◆ Focusing emergency preparedness on infrastructure and business continuity
- ◆ Improving information technology security and privacy
- ◆ Holding state agencies accountable for delivering quality, evidence-based services