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## 2018 Session Accomplishments

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Democrats**

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## 2018 SESSION AGENDA

In 2018, Oregon Senate Democrats will prioritize building a healthy and prosperous Oregon by promoting sustainable industries, strengthening our healthcare system and fostering government transparency.

During the 2018 Legislative Session, Senate Democrats will deliver on Oregon's priorities by:

### **Investing in Oregon's Economic Future**

- Promoting long-term economic stability in Oregon
- Encouraging job growth in new and emerging industries/sectors
- Stimulating the development of clean technologies while protecting natural resources and public health
- Remaining engaged on long-term tax reform in Oregon

### **Promoting Public Health & Safety**

- Building upon our successes in healthcare initiatives by expanding access for rural and vulnerable Oregonians
- Continuing health system transformation with emphasis on public health initiatives and interventions

### **Strengthening Government Accountability**

- Continuing to enhance transparency and accountability of state agencies to ensure wise investment of Oregonians' tax dollars
- Ensuring the effective implementation of cost-control measures and budget stabilization
- Balancing the budget to protect Oregon's priorities

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House Bill 4028 expands qualifications for the working family and dependent care credits, as well as the amount of credit, to include low-income full- and part-time students, whether they are married or unmarried. This will ease some of the burden for degree-seeking parents.

#### **HB 4080: 529 College Savings Adjustment**

House Bill 4080 specifies that withdrawals from Oregon 529 College Savings accounts to cover attendance at elementary or secondary schools do not qualify for income tax subtractions. This is necessary because federal changes expanded the definition of qualified higher education expenses to include public, private and religious elementary or secondary schools. HB 4080 effectively prevents non-taxed income from funding private schools.

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#### **SB 1554: Financial Eligibility for Benefits**

The 529 College Savings Plan is a way for parents, grandparents and others to contribute to college savings funds for students. Senate Bill 1554 stipulates that the funds in the 529 account may not be included in the calculation of an individual's eligibility for social assistance programs (TANF, SNAP, Medicaid, etc.). This allows individuals who establish these accounts for their family members to be able to apply for assistance without having the 529 plan assets affect their eligibility.

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#### **HB 4079: TANF Eligibility Requirements**

For a family to meet Temporary Assistance for Needy Families asset requirements, it must have an income of less than 37 percent of the federal poverty level. House Bill 4079 requires Oregon Department of Human Services to disregard retirement savings account funds when considering eligibility for TANF. The program provides short-term support for families with children. The current asset limit to qualify is \$2,500, including retirement savings a family may have. HB 4079 allows families to keep those savings and receive short-term support.

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#### **HB 4006: High-Cost Rent Assessment**

The cost of rental housing is a serious challenge for Oregonians across the state. House Bill 4006 requires Oregon Housing and Community Services and Department of Land Conservation and Development to create a survey for cities to complete relating to housing affordability. It also requires cities to hold public meetings to discuss causes and solutions of high housing costs.

#### **HB 4007: First-Time Homebuyer Savings Account, Document Recording Fee**

House Bill 4007 allows individuals to create first-time homebuyer savings accounts that are tax deductible, with a limit of \$5,000 for single filers and \$10,000 for joint filers. The bill also increases the document recording fee for certain real property documents from \$20 to \$60, with funds going to support low-income housing projects and veteran housing assistance programs.

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#### **HB 4098: Veteran Apprenticeship Outreach**

House Bill 4098 directs the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs to develop pamphlets on apprenticeship program opportunities and distribute them to local Veteran Services Offices. Apprenticeship programs offer career pathways through on-the-job training, usually in industrial, manufacturing and construction trades. The goal is to help struggling veterans gain trade skills and expand their employment options.

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Senate Bill 1523 extends the interstate broadcasters pilot program through 2020. The program changed the apportionment percentage for determining a broadcaster's income from one based on the share of viewers in Oregon to the state of domicile for the direct customers of the broadcasters.

#### **SB 1516: Growing Small Businesses**

Senate Bill 1516 establishes the Small Business Expansion Loan Fund. The fund will provide early-stage growth capital loans to individuals and business entities with 50 or fewer employees.

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#### **HB 4052: Small Business Rules Advisory Committee**

In the current process of agency rule-making, state law requires public involvement and currently agencies may appoint advisory committees to represent interests of those affected. House Bill 4052 establishes the Small Business Rules Advisory Committee to assist agencies in the rule-making process. Agencies may request rules reviews and assist with review of agency rules five years after their adoption.

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#### **HB 4141: Student Input on Tuition at Public Universities**

House Bill 4141 increases transparency and student participation in tuition- and fee-setting at public universities. This bill requires each public university to create an advisory board to be involved in the process of determining resident tuition and mandatory enrollment fees, as well as provide a written report, should the university propose an increase greater than 5 percent.

#### **HB 4150: Investigations of Sexual Harassment at Schools**

Under current law, the findings of sexual harassment investigations in schools are not shared with the students who initiated the investigations. House Bill 4150 expands the amount of information to be shared with the parties involved, pursuant to federal confidentiality laws. It also extends protections of school district policies to include those on school property, at school-sponsored events and using school transportation.

#### **HB 4153: Oregon's Rural University**

House Bill 4153 designates Eastern Oregon University as Oregon's Rural University. This designation highlights EOU's contribution to rural communities, and may allow the institution to leverage specific federal dollars.



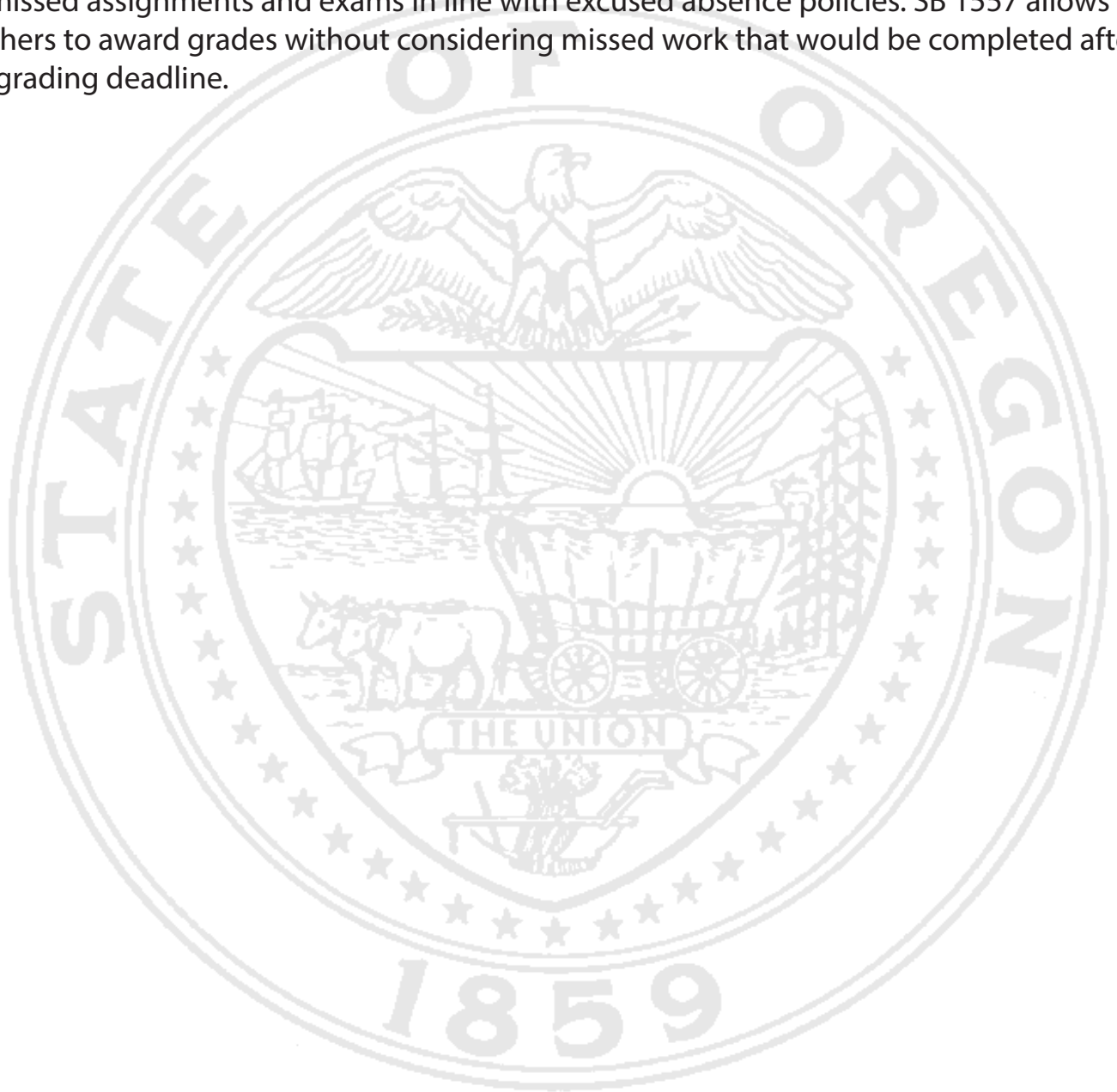
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#### **SB 1557: Support for Students Called to Active Duty**

Senate Bill 1557 allows students who are ordered to active duty during their studies to make up missed assignments and exams in line with excused absence policies. SB 1557 allows teachers to award grades without considering missed work that would be completed after the grading deadline.





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### Quality Health Care & Human Services

#### **HB 4005: Prescription Cost Transparency**

House Bill 4005 establishes a prescription drug transparency program. It requires that manufacturers that increase the cost of a prescription drug by more than 10 percent in a year submit cost information to the Department of Consumer and Business Services related to research and development supported by public funds, international pricing, marketing and distribution.

#### **HB 4018: CCO Accountability**

House Bill 4018 strengthens transparency and accountability requirements for Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs). It requires that meetings are made open to the public when final decisions are made and that public comment is allowed. It also orders CCOs to give advance notice to the Department of Consumer and Business Services if CCOs will not be renewing contracts. This makes the transition to a new CCO easier for patients in those situations.

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#### **HB 4133: Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Studies**

House Bill 4133 establishes the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee. The rate of maternal mortality and morbidity has increased nationally for unidentified reasons. HB 4133 creates a committee to study each case reported in Oregon and report findings.

#### **HB 4135: Advance Directives Provide Voice in End-of-Life Choices**

House Bill 4135 establishes the Advance Directive Adoption Committee. Oregon was the first state to adopt an advance directive form, but it has not been updated in decades. The adoption committee will work toward creating a new form that is more user-friendly and allows individuals the opportunity to give more guidance to their loved ones in the event the form becomes necessary for their care.

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#### **HB 4137: Alcohol and Drug Policy Report**

House Bill 4137 requires the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission to review and update the addiction, prevention, treatment and recovery plan annually. It also requires the commission to provide the Legislature with a comprehensive report on policy recommendations regarding prevention and treatment.

#### **HB 4143: Addressing Barriers to Treatment of Opioid Addictions**

House Bill 4143 is a step toward addressing the opioid epidemic in Oregon. It requires the Department of Consumer and Business Services to study current barriers to effective treatment and recovery. The department is to report back to the Legislature on findings and recommendations no later than June 30, 2018.

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#### **HB 4020: Licensing Ambulatory Surgical and Extended Stay Centers**

House Bill 4020 allows the Oregon Health Authority to license extended stay centers. It also requires the Health Evidence Review Commission to develop guidelines for ambulatory surgical centers and extended stay centers. These facilities focus on providing same-day surgical care, and may allow for patients to stay in their facilities for up to 48 hours for recovery.

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#### **HB 4031: Land Use Zoning**

House Bill 4031 re-authorizes guest ranches on land zoned for exclusive farm use. It also clarifies a component of House Bill 4007 – which passed in 2017 – relating to zoning of accessory dwelling units within urban growth boundaries. This was an important fix to support appropriate development without significantly altering the state land use system.

#### **HB 4152: Wildfire Recovery**

The Eagle Creek Fire in the Columbia River Gorge created a significant expense for the Hood River and Multnomah County sheriffs' offices. House Bill 4152 grants those two agencies funds for wildfire recovery, mitigation and preparedness.



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### Public Safety & Justice

#### **SB 1562: Strengthening Penalties for Domestic Violence Strangulation**

Senate Bill 1562 expands the definition of strangulation to include knowingly impeding the normal breathing or circulation of another person by applying pressure to the chest. It also increases strangulation to a Category 5 crime, when the victim is a family or household member, to strengthen the penalty.

#### **HB 4145: Closing the Intimate Partner Loophole**

Under current law, it is illegal for a person to knowingly possess a firearm or ammunition if the person has been convicted of a violent crime against an intimate partner, or is subject to a stalking or restraining order where a credible threat to physical safety was identified. However, a “boyfriend or intimate partner loophole” exists which allows convicted domestic abusers to continue legally possessing firearms if they were not married to, the parents of children with or living with the targets of their abuse. House Bill 4145 aligns the definition of a domestic violence conviction under Oregon’s Unlawful Possession of Firearms statute with the definitions of domestic violence found elsewhere in Oregon law, effectively closing the loophole for when there is a dating relationship. It also adds a stalking misdemeanor as a qualifying offense subject to firearm dispossession.

#### **HB 4049: SAFE Kit Tracking Committee**

House Bill 4049 establishes a committee to track Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence (SAFE) kits. Oregon began working aggressively through the backlog of SAFE kits in 2015, but hundreds of new kits still come in every year. The committee will establish a tracking system to stay current on testing kits and report to the Legislature regularly.

#### **HB 4054: Unlawful Camp Removal**

House Bill 4054 allows the Oregon Department of Transportation and the city of Portland to enter into an agreement regarding the removal of unlawful camps that overlap in the two jurisdictions. The city of Portland gives campers minimum 24 hours’ notice of intent to remove personal property. Under HB 4054, ODOT could allow the city to follow its removal procedure in ODOT’s jurisdictional areas.

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#### **HB 4055: Hit and Run Protections**

House Bill 4055 is a public safety measure that modifies the duties of a driver involved in an accident. It requires that a driver reasonably investigate what the driver's vehicle has struck when the driver has been involved in a collision that results in property damage or another person's injury or death. It also establishes a duty to report when a driver learns of injury or death resulting from a collision after the fact.

#### **HB 4008: Racial Equity in Plaintiff Compensation**

House Bill 4008 is an equity bill that makes using race and ethnicity data inadmissible for calculating plaintiffs' future earning potential in civil actions. Such calculations factor in bias that may result in plaintiffs receiving substantially less compensation if they are members of minority groups. HB 4008 removes that bias from what the court or jury will consider.

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#### **HB 4116: Distracted Driving Definitions**

House Bill 4116 clarifies Oregon's distracted driving law and creates some important exemptions. It clarifies that a person may use a finger to activate or de-activate hands-free devices. It also allows construction workers and other safety operations workers to use two-

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way devices or cell phones while driving, during the course of business.

#### **HB 4149: Conditions of Plea Agreements**

House Bill 4149 prohibits prosecuting attorneys from conditioning plea agreements on a stipulation that an existing law is unconstitutional. It also prohibits a court from conditioning a defendant's release on the defendant's waiver of appearance at trial.

#### **SB 1551: Data Breach Notification and Protections**

Senate Bill 1551 requires companies that possess consumers' personal information to notify affected consumers no later than 45 days after discovering a data breach. It also allows consumers to place freezes or thaws on their credit for free, and prohibits companies from upselling secondary services when offering credit monitoring.

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#### **SB 1543: Omnibus Public Safety**

Senate Bill 1543 is an omnibus public safety bill. It directs the Attorney General to appoint members to the Batters' Intervention Program Advising Committee. These appointees must have experience in evidence-based practices specific to reducing recidivism, considering risk factors, needs and responsiveness to treatment. It also requires law enforcement agencies to preserve sexual assault forensic evidence kits for at least 60 years. The bill permits reducing a Class B felony possession of a controlled substance conviction to a Class A misdemeanor, upon successful completion of probation. It also allows credit for jail time served for those who are revoked from an optional probationary sentence, unless the court orders otherwise.

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#### **SB 1544: Marijuana Market Enforcement Program**

Senate Bill 1544 creates the Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement Grant Program to support local law enforcement agencies in detecting and prosecuting illegal operations. The program is a joint venture, funded by the Oregon Marijuana Account and administered by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. SB 1544 also expands the number of Oregon Medical Marijuana Program grow sites subject to the Oregon Cannabis Tracking System, allows the Oregon Health Authority to place limits on immature medical plants smaller than 24 inches, requires that certain high-THC hemp products are sold in the regulated market and others.

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House Bill 4089 establishes the Oregon Industrial Hemp Agricultural Pilot Research Program. It also specifies that agricultural hemp seed is agricultural seed for purposes of statutes regulating labeling, testing, certifying or other aspects of seeds.



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## 2018 Session Accomplishments

### Seniors & Veterans

#### **SB 1506: Wounded Warrior Permit**

Senate Bill 1506 creates an “Oregon Wounded Warrior” parking permit for veterans who are disabled. It will allow the holder to park for free in metered and time-limited public parking spaces.

#### **HB 4098: Veteran Apprenticeship Outreach**

House Bill 4098 directs the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs to develop pamphlets on apprenticeship program opportunities and distribute them to local Veteran Services Offices. Apprenticeship programs offer career pathways through on-the-job training, usually in industrial, manufacturing and construction trades. The goal is to help struggling veterans gain trade skills and expand their employment options.

#### **SB 1517: Hunting Permits for Veterans**

Senate Bill 1517 authorizes Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to annually issue a limited number of free hunting tags for use by veterans to nonprofit organizations.

#### **HB 4038: Program for Incarcerated Veterans**

House Bill 4038 directs the Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs (ODVA) to establish a program for assisting incarcerated veterans. It also requires the ODVA to study the progress on the Roseburg Veteran’s Home and to look for appropriate sites for both state and tribal cemeteries.

#### **HB 4035: Tuition Assistance for National Guard Members**

House Bill 4035 provides tuition assistance to Oregon National Guard members. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission will distribute tuition assistance for community college and Oregon public university programs to qualifying National Guard members. Currently, National Guard members may receive some scholarships through the federal government, but there is not a state tuition assistance program in place. This fixes that by establishing a state program, using state General Fund resources.



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### Seniors & Veterans

#### **SB 1557: Support for Students Called to Active Duty**

Senate Bill 1557 allows students who are ordered to active duty during their studies to make up missed assignments and exams in line with excused absence policies. SB 1557 allows teachers to award grades without considering missed work that would be completed after the grading deadline.

#### **SB 1534: Training Standards for Home Care Workers**

Home care and personal support workers provide in-home support for seniors and adults with physical and developmental disabilities. Senate Bill 1534 requires Oregon Department of Human Services to establish minimum training standards for home care and personal support workers. It also requires DHS to provide that training in ways that are geographically accessible and culturally appropriate. The training also must be available in a variety of languages.

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## 2018 Session Accomplishments

### General Government & Accountability

#### **SB 1510: Protecting the Initiative System and Voter Data**

Senate Bill 1510 makes changes to our elections process to make the system work better and ensure key safeguards for Oregon's initiative system. The bill ensures that private voter information such as birth month, birth day, social security number, signature and driver license number are protected and not made available. SB 1510 makes certain that the Secretary of State must include the final certified ballot title on signature sheet templates, meaning that the Supreme Court has had the opportunity to review the title for an initiative petition before it goes out to the public to ensure adequate understanding of what Oregonians are signing when an initiative petition is presented to them.

#### **SB 1542: Moves Up Date for Start of Long Legislative Session**

Senate Bill 1542 will move up the starting date for the Oregon Legislature's 160-day Legislative Session held in years ending in an odd number. The long session will begin on the Tuesday after the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. This is a change from the previous start state, during the beginning of February.

#### **HB 4026: Non-Resident Charitable Donations**

House Bill 4026 removes consideration of charitable contributions as a factor for determining residency personal income tax purposes. With this change, non-residents would be able to make charitable contributions in Oregon without worrying about affecting a residency determination.

#### **HB 4049: SAFE Kit Tracking Committee**

House Bill 4049 establishes a committee to track Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence (SAFE) kits. Oregon began working aggressively through the backlog of SAFE kits in 2015, but hundreds of new kits still come in every year. The committee will establish a tracking system to stay current on testing kits and report to the Legislature regularly.

#### **HB 4080: 529 College Savings Adjustment**

House Bill 4080 specifies that withdrawals from Oregon 529 College Savings accounts to cover attendance at elementary or secondary schools do not qualify for income tax

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## 2018 Session Accomplishments

### General Government & Accountability *(continued)*

subtractions. This is necessary because federal changes expanded the definition of qualified higher education expenses to include public, private and religious elementary or secondary schools. HB 4080 effectively prevents non-taxed income from funding private schools.

#### **HB 4120: Transient Lodging Tax Collection**

House Bill 4120 changes the way transient lodging taxes are collected from third-party entities. Under HB 4120, companies such as AirBnb would be responsible for collecting the tax for bookings and remitting it to the Oregon Department of Revenue. This streamlines the process.

#### **SB 1528: Preventing Double-Dipping for Pass-Throughs**

Senate Bill 1528 disconnects Oregon from the federal pass-through deduction for purposes of state tax liability. It also creates the Oregon Opportunity Grant Tax Credit, which would raise money for the Oregon Opportunity Grant through a credit auction structured similarly to the Film and Video Tax Credit. Taxpayers would be able to claim the purchase of credits as charitable deductions on federal taxes. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission will administer the auction.

#### **SB 1529: Repealing Tax Haven Law to Put Money Toward PERS Liability**

Multinational C-corporations now will pay federal taxes on accumulated foreign earnings not previously taxed in the United States. Due to a technicality in Oregon law, corporations would now be able to couple a federal deduction on this income with a current state deduction. The result would be a state revenue decrease. Senate Bill 1529 specifies that corporations may use only the state deduction to determine their state tax liability. It also repeals Oregon's Tax Haven law, as corporations now will be taxed directly on repatriated foreign income. The Legislative Revenue Office anticipates this will result in a one-time revenue gain in the range of \$130 to \$180 million. SB 1529 also establishes the Employer Incentive Fund with the State Treasury and directs this one-time gain to the fund to pay down the unfunded PERS liability.

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## 2018 Session Accomplishments

### General Government & Accountability (*continued*)

#### **HB 4059: ODOT Director Senate Confirmation**

House Bill 4059 specifies that the executive appointment of the Director of the Oregon Department of Transportation is subject to Senate review and confirmation. This will create more accountability in the implementation of the transportation package passed in 2017.

#### **HB 4052: Small Business Rules Advisory Committee**

In the process of agency rule-making, state law requires public involvement and currently agencies may appoint advisory committees to represent interests of those affected. House Bill 4052 establishes the Small Business Rules Advisory Committee to assist agencies in the rule-making process. Agencies may request rules reviews and assist with review of agency rules five years after their adoption.

#### **HB 4046: PERS Salary Calculations**

Employees of Oregon Health and Science University, public universities and community colleges may earn outside compensation through consulting, appearances, speeches or intellectual property. House Bill 4046 stipulates that outside compensation may not be counted toward an employee's PERS retirement salary calculations.

#### **SB 5702: Investing in Oregon's Future**

Senate Bill 5702 details the bonding authority that was authorized during the 2018 Legislative Session. A number of projects were funded this session, including many that started in 2017 and were able to be funded fully in 2018. Some notable projects include:

**Education:** Oregon State University Cascades Campus second academic building, University of Oregon Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact, Southern Oregon University maintenance facilities, Eastern Oregon University Fieldhouse and Western Oregon University Natural Sciences Building.

**Environment:** Information Technology upgrade for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's Environmental Management System and a city of Carlton water supply pipeline upgrade.

**Human Services:** Funding for De Paul Treatment Center in Portland and Trillium Family Services in Corvallis.



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## 2018 Session Accomplishments

### Balanced Budget

*Ahead of the 2018 Legislative Session, Oregon voters approved Measure 101, which protected over \$300 million of allocated state resources for critical health care access.*

*During the session, Senate Democrats made corrections and updates to the state budget to keep Oregonians' priority investments in public services on track. We prudently set aside additional resources for the Rainy Day Fund and in other reserves to prepare for any emerging financial issues in the near future.*

### Highlights of the 2018 State Budget Adjustment:

#### Education

- Protected the \$8.2 billion state investment into Oregon's K-12 public schools
- \$2 million for child care safety and lead testing in child care facilities
- \$39 million for Oregon State University Cascades expansion building
- \$20 million for University of Oregon's Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact
- \$9 million for Eastern Oregon University's Field House Facility
- \$3.5 million for Western Oregon University Natural Sciences Building

#### Jobs & Oregon's Economy

- \$1,000,000 for City of Maupin Civic Center
- \$300,000 for City of Milwaukie Library Facility
- \$1,000,000 for Hermiston Community and Workforce Development Building
- Creation of the Small Business Expansion Loan Fund
- \$500,000 for Local Economic Opportunity Fund
- \$500,000 for Pacific Seafood Facility
- \$500,000 for Port of Cascade Locks Economic Recovery Fund
- \$1,100,000 for National Urban Housing and Economic Community Development
- \$300,000 for Gem Theater Regional Art Center in Athena
- \$1,895,000 for Bradshaw Drop Irrigation Canal Project in Medford

#### Protecting Vulnerable Oregonians

- \$438,000 for Court Appointed Special Advocates Program

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## 2018 Session Accomplishments

### Balanced Budget (*continued*)

- \$16 million for DHS Child Welfare
- \$300,000 for Food Bank Cold Storage
- \$5,200,000 for Emergency Winter Housing and Shelter
- \$250,000 to create a new Violence Prevention Research Center at Oregon Health and Science University
- \$30 million special purpose appropriation to the Emergency Board for OHA/DHS caseload or other unanticipated budget needs

#### **Environment and Natural Resources**

- \$1.4 million to create Carbon Policy Office
- \$1 million reserve in Emergency Fund for Sudden Oak Death support
- \$350,000 for Leaburg Fish Hatchery
- \$50,000 for Elk Culling in eastern Oregon \$1 million to help address Air Quality Permit backlog at Department of Environmental Quality
- \$1.9 million for Environmental Data management System at DEQ
- \$3 million to OSU Northwest National Marine Renewable Energy Center

#### **Reserves**

- \$199 million payment into the Oregon Rainy Day Fund to be deposited at the end of the biennium
- \$94 million projected ending balance for 2017-2019 budget in addition to the \$199 Rainy Day Fund planned payment
- \$49.7 million for Emergency Fund
- \$49 million in the Emergency Fund for specified purposes

The ending balance projections are based on the current March 2018 forecast. When the June 2018 forecast is released, the ending balance numbers may be higher, as the revenue impacts from Senate Bill 1528 and Senate Bill 1529 could be incorporated.