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Senate Democrats will promote environment, education, public safety and government accountability

Oregon Senate Majority Office releases agenda for 2019 Legislative Session

SALEM – Senate Democrats today released their plan for building a healthy and prosperous Oregon by promoting sustainable industries, strengthening our healthcare system and fostering government transparency.

“The Senate Democrats have big plans this session, particularly when it comes to transforming our schools,” Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, said. “We also recognize that government transparency is as important as ever and we will be working to ensure accountability to the people. Oregonians all over the state also are grappling with housing issues. It will take a variety of measures to address that important issue.”

The Oregon Senate Democratic Caucus 2019 Session Agenda focuses on five key areas:

- Supporting Oregon’s environment and natural resources;
- Investing in educational opportunities for all Oregonians;
- Encouraging healthy communities to thrive;
- Advancing government accountability and transparency; and
- Promoting public and workplace safety.

Legislators will be working on Oregon’s public education system to make sure all of the state’s students have an opportunity to thrive. Part of that will be reforming the state’s volatile

revenue structure so that a stable long-term funding source can be identified and earmarked for education.

Education legislation will be the result of hard work carried out by the Joint Committee on Student Success that began its work this summer. That group is looking at education from all angles and has heard from people from all over the state on ways to improve Oregon's educational outcomes. This is important work and ground-breaking concepts are expected from that group.

The Oregon Senate has established two new committees to dive into the issues of housing and campaign finance reform, as these issues are of high importance to Oregonians across the state. Senate Democrats also will be continuing the work of the Joint Committee on Carbon, which has been meeting through the summer to discuss legislation that would cap the state's carbon emissions, while also creating jobs in the clean energy sector.

The complete 2019 agenda can be viewed online at <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/senatedemocrats/Documents/2019CaucusAgenda.pdf>.

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