



# OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

## 2022 SESSION AGENDA

Oregonians continue to pull together and persevere through the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The impacts of this global crisis still ripple throughout our communities, and Oregon Senate Democrats will show up to address emerging issues and serve our state during the 2022 Session. Building on our legacy of success, we will work to bring down costs and rebuild a vibrant economy so that all families and businesses have the opportunity to thrive. We will stand up for students by promoting accessibility and better outcomes in public education. And we will confront systemic racism, demand justice and ensure public safety, because everyone deserves to feel safe and to be treated with dignity and respect.

During the 2022 Legislative Session, Senate Democrats will:

### **Promote Access, Equity, and Success for Oregon Students in Public Education**

- Create student environments that are safe and free from outside intimidation
- Take steps to address the educator shortage and its immediate effects on schools
- Update the Oregon Promise to make college more affordable

### **Support Healthy Communities and Care for Oregonians**

- Ensure access to vital health services for individuals and families across the state
- Strengthen community-based services that honor individual choice and improve workforce retention and morale
- Expand access to affordable, stable, healthy housing for all Oregonians

### **Strengthen Workforce Protections and Advance Oregon's Economy**

- Remove barriers and increasing access to training, apprenticeships, and good jobs for Black, Indigenous, People of Color and rural Oregonians
- Lift up the voices and needs of workers across Oregon to improve economic equity and stability
- Increase access to childcare statewide and supporting working families
- Make transformative investments to support Oregon's most vulnerable communities and historically disadvantaged businesses

### **Adapt to Climate Change and Encourage Sustainability**

- Build on Oregon's landmark bottle bill by increasing recycling opportunities
- Prepare critical energy infrastructure to withstand a severe earthquake
- Strengthen forest health, increasing rural response to wildfires and creating more smoke shelters

### **Transform Justice and Advocate for Equal Access to the Courts**

- Continue our work on police accountability and post-prison supervision reform
- Assist immigrants and refugees in navigating the court system and support services
- Stem the tide of illegal cannabis cultivation devastating rural communities