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OREGON FORWARD AGENDA: Senate Democrats Announce 2025 Session Priorities

Caucus will work to increase prosperity, make Oregon safer and healthier, and protect our rights and freedoms

SALEM, OR – Today, the Oregon Senate Democratic Caucus announced their “Oregon Forward” agenda for the 2025 legislative session.

“Oregonians want their elected officials to work together to make our state the best place to live, work, and raise a family. Our 2025 “Oregon Forward” agenda focuses on increasing prosperity, making Oregon safer and healthier, and protecting our rights and freedoms,” said **Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama (D - E Portland & N Clackamas County)**.

Senate Democrats’ priorities for the session will include:

KEEPING MORE MONEY IN OREGONIANS’ POCKETS AND GROWING OPPORTUNITY

- Growing the economy by creating pathways to employment and more good-paying jobs for working families.
- Protecting Oregon workers’ rights.
- Making it easier for employers to find qualified employees through workforce development and retention.

PRIORITIZING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS

- Keeping Oregonians housed and increasing the number of shelter beds.
- Making it easier for Oregonians to own a home.
- Increasing and protecting the supply of affordable housing.
- Addressing housing costs and encouraging housing stability for vulnerable Oregonians.

PROMOTING COMMUNITY SAFETY AND IMPROVING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

- Reducing crime and improving safety with a functional, fair, and accountable criminal justice system.
- Shielding Oregonians from wildfire by strengthening Oregon's wildfire & natural disaster response, including funding for prevention and suppression programs.
- Protecting Oregonians from gun violence.
- Increasing access to addiction treatment and mental health services, especially for youth.
- Preparing for 21st century cybersecurity threats and protecting Oregonians online.

MAINTAINING OREGON'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

- Fixing roads and bridges for a safe, functional, and efficient transportation system.
- Ensuring Oregonians can get where they need to go, whether they drive, walk, bike, or use public transportation.
- Preparing our economy and communities for the future by completing critical infrastructure projects.

INCREASING ACCESS TO CARE FOR ALL OREGONIANS

- Making it easier for patients to get care by addressing workforce and hospital capacity.
- Starting Oregonians' health off right with more support for moms and babies.
- Improving Oregon's services and supports for children, adults, elders, and individuals with disabilities.
- Advancing every Oregonian's right to affordable and accessible health care.
- Safeguarding every Oregonian's right to reproductive care and abortion.

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT & OUR FUTURE

- Protecting the air we breathe, the land we live on, and the water we drink, so that future generations can experience all that Oregon has to offer.
- Reducing waste and pollution, encouraging sustainability.
- Stopping pollution that endangers Oregonians' health and safety.

IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND FAMILIES

- Increasing graduation, attendance, and literacy rates so every Oregon student is prepared to succeed in the 21st Century economy.
- Attracting, training, and retaining more high quality teachers and staff.
- Putting post-high school education and training in reach for more Oregonians.
- Ensuring tax dollars are being used effectively to improve outcomes for kids and teachers in classrooms.

SAFEGUARDING OUR FREEDOMS AND HOLDING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE

- Protecting our rights, including freedom of speech and the right to make personal decisions without government interference.
- Providing strong oversight of government agencies, holding them accountable for using taxpayer dollars wisely and producing results.

- Ensuring election integrity and improving access to democracy.
- Balancing the state budget and protecting access to vital services.

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