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## **Senate Democrats Build an Oregon that Works for You and Your Neighbors**

*Statement from Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber on adjournment of the 2023 Legislative Session*

**SALEM, Ore** - Oregon's 82nd Legislative Assembly adjourned the 2023 Legislative Session today having delivered major victories for the people of Oregon. Senate Democrats stood up to political obstruction to build an Oregon that works for everyone. Caucus members prioritized legislation fixing the homelessness crisis and building affordable housing, making Oregon communities safer, growing family-wage jobs and reducing the cost of living, ensuring access to vital health care, supporting a sustainable environment and protecting against wildfires, investing in Oregon's students and schools, and promoting good government.

**Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D - Beaverton & SW Portland)** issued the following statement on the major wins Senate Democrats delivered for the people of Oregon:

*“Senate Democrats showed up everyday and kept our promises to the people of Oregon. We did our jobs so every Oregonian, in every corner of the state, can live with dignity in safe, sustainable communities free from racism and discrimination with equal access to quality health care, world-class schools, and secure, good-paying careers.*

*“Senate Democrats are committed to listening to you and your neighbors, standing up for you and your community, and building an Oregon that works for all of us.”*

Senate Democrats' 2023 Oregon Works agenda focused on making life better for every Oregonian, from the waters of the Columbia to the Steens Mountains and the Rogue Valley and the Wallowas. Legislation passed to accomplish this goal includes but is not limited to:

#### Addressing Homelessness and Tackling Housing Affordability

- [Building more shelters and housing in every part of Oregon; Funding for local governments to clean up public spaces](#) – [HB 2001](#)
- [Converting commercial buildings to residential housing inside the UGB](#) – [HB 2984](#)
- [Protecting renters from out of control inflation](#) – [SB 611](#)

#### Strengthening Community Safety and Justice for all Oregonians

- [Establishes grant program to crack down on organized retail theft](#) – [SB 900](#)
- [Increasing penalties for possession of Fentanyl](#) – [HB 2645](#)
- [Regulating unserialized ghost guns](#) – [HB 2005](#)
- [Restructuring the state's public defense to uphold Oregonians' constitutional rights](#) – [SB 337](#)

#### Promoting Economic Opportunity and Protecting Oregon Workers

- [Oregon CHIPS Act to take advantage of Oregon's once-in-a-generation opportunity to create family-wage jobs and grow the semiconductor economy](#) – [SB 4](#)
- [Semiconductor research and development tax incentives](#) – [HB 2009](#)
- [Interstate 5 Bridge Replacement Project](#) – [HB 5005](#)
- [Expanding access to rural broadband](#) – [HB 3201](#)

#### Ensuring Access to Affordable Healthcare and Caring for Oregonians

- [Reproductive health rights and access and gender affirming care coverage](#) – [HB 2002](#)
- [Improving M110 behavioral health services](#) – [HB 2513](#)
- [Centralizing 9-8-8 hotline for behavioral health crisis intervention](#) – [HB 3426](#)
- [Reducing prescription drug prices](#) – [SB 192](#)
- [Establishing nurse to patient staffing ratios to improve quality of care and reduce nurse burnout](#) – [HB 2697](#)

#### Supporting a Clean and Sustainable Environment and Protecting Against Wildfires

- [Natural climate solutions to reduce carbon and grow green economy, upgrading resilience efficient buildings and other climate investments](#) – [HB 3409](#)
- [Municipal waste incineration air emission monitoring](#) – [SB 488](#)
- [Polystyrene ban](#) – [SB 543](#)
- [Funding to help communities repair, replace, and rebuild homes after a wildfire](#) – [HB 3215](#)
- [Department of State Fire Marshal wildfire community engagement and state wildfire hazard map](#) – [SB 80](#)
- [Wildfire related protections for home owner insurance](#) – [SB 82](#)

#### Supporting Oregon's School Workforce and Students

- [Historic \\$10.2 billion investment in the State School fund, \\$15.3 billion total in funding for Oregon schools](#) – [HB 5015](#)

- [Joining the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact to address educator workforce shortage – SB 279](#)
- [Educator retention and training funding and initiatives – SB 283](#)
- [Investing in early childhood literacy – HB 3198](#)
- [Enforcing students with disabilities' right to full-time education – SB 819](#)

#### Safeguarding Democracy and Ensuring Efficient Government

- [Ensuring secure ballot handling – SB 53](#)
- [Protecting free and fair elections – SB 166](#)
- [Strengthening public meeting laws – HB 2805](#)
- [Holding statewide elected officials accountable – HJR 16](#)

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