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OREGON THRIVES AGENDA: Senate Democrats Announce 2026 Session Priorities

Caucus will push back on federal aggression, push forward for prosperity and affordability for Oregon families

SALEM, OR – The Oregon Senate Democratic Caucus is ready to advance their “Oregon Thrives” agenda in the 2026 legislative session that begins Feb. 2.

“Oregonians are working harder than ever to make ends meet and to look out for each other, but reckless and cruel choices by the Trump administration are putting people and prosperity at risk,” said **Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama (D - E Portland & N Clackamas County)**. “Senate Democrats will use the short 2026 session to push back on federal overreach, advance economic prosperity and affordability, and provide relief for Oregon families.”

Senate Democrats’ priorities for the session include:

Guarding Against Federal Overreach and Keeping Oregonians Safe

- Protecting democracy, our elections, and the civil rights of Oregonians from federal overreach.
- Safeguarding essential services like Medicaid, SNAP, and housing to the greatest extent possible as federal cuts threaten the health and stability of Oregon families.
- Keeping Oregonians safe in their communities and defending the dignity of every Oregonian.
- Standing up for immigrant and refugee communities.
- Defending access to reproductive health care.
- Protecting the rights of aging Oregonians, children and youth in the care of the state, and people with physical, intellectual, developmental or psychiatric disabilities to self-determination, safety, education, and community-based services.

Advancing Affordability and Prosperity

- Improving access to a comprehensive, high-quality public education across the K-12 and higher education systems with wrap-around supports centered on the needs of students.
- Making Oregon a prosperous place to live, work, grow a business, and raise a family.
- Overseeing Oregon's progress toward a safer, more reliable, diversified transportation system.
- Focusing on sustainable growth to strengthen Oregon's workforce and economy and protecting Oregon's environmental vitality.
- Prioritizing mitigation and risk reduction for wildfire affected communities.

Standing with Oregon Families

- Expanding access to stable, affordable, and accessible housing for all Oregonians.
- Safeguarding access to affordable, high-quality health care for Oregonians.
- Advancing the goal that Oregonians taking all reasonable measures to reduce wildfire risk on their property will be able to access adequate and affordable insurance.
- Strengthening the Bureau of Labor & Industries to support working Oregonians.
- Honoring the sacrifice of our service members by making Oregon more veteran friendly.
- Setting our youngest Oregonians up for a lifetime of success by prioritizing the needs of pregnant women, babies, and toddlers, as well as protecting maternity centers and rural hospitals.
- Evaluating and modernizing our state's tax structure.

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