



OREGON SENATE DEMOCRATS

AGENDA FOR THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Oregon Senate Democrats are prepared to show up for Oregonians in every corner of the state. We commit to investing in Oregonians in every community and will ensure their voices are represented in the 81st Legislative Assembly.

The Oregon Senate Democrats will address all policy and budget proposals through a lens of racial equity and justice. We commit to an antiracist agenda and approach to governing, and understand that racist and oppressive structures have exacerbated the challenges of the past year for Black Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities, low-income residents, women, LGBTQIA+, those living with physical and intellectual disabilities as well as marginalized and historically underserved Oregonians.

The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and a historic wildfire season are vast. We commit to leading Oregonians' rebuilding and recovery in an equitable manner. In the face of budget challenges, we will prioritize opportunity, safety and wellbeing for all Oregonians and do the hard work to accomplish improved public health, economic vitality and environmental sustainability.

During the 2021 Legislative Session, Senate Democrats will meet Oregonians' needs by:

Supporting Small Businesses and Securing Family Wage Jobs:

- Promote job creation for rural, traditionally marginalized and BIPOC communities,
- Assist businesses as they navigate pandemic restrictions and recovery,
- Advance workplace policies that support working families,
- Protect collective bargaining rights for Oregon workers,
- Ensure successful implementation of Keep Oregon Moving transportation investments.

Protecting Our Natural Resources and Developing Clean Energy:

- Commit to transitioning to 100% renewable energy and promote related rural jobs;
- Strengthen forest stewardship and water conservation for all future generations;
- Improve wildfire response policies to protect vulnerable communities;
- Protect our working lands, keep our fisheries healthy and preserve wildlife.

Demanding Justice in Our Courts, Law Enforcement Transparency and Practical Public Safety:

- Continue advancing police accountability measures;
- Advocate for common sense gun safety;
- Reform policies that disproportionately impact BIPOC Communities;
- Guide the implementation of M110 by honoring the will of the voters.

Promoting Access and Equity in Public Education:

- Advance equity-centered educational practices to help students succeed;
- Promote pathways to apprenticeship and career technical education;
- Create rapid training options for dislocated workers in a post-COVID economy;
- Streamline pathways for Oregon transfer students.

Delivering Effective, Equitable and Person-Centered Health Care and Social Services

- Prioritizing resources and policies to meet the needs of those most impacted by COVID-19;
- Improving the quality of programs and facilities serving our youngest and oldest Oregonians;
- Developing robust and integrated mental health and substance use recovery systems of care;
- Promoting housing accessibility, including robust wildfire and pandemic responses.

Making Democracy and Government Work for Oregonians:

- Pass rules to ensure the Legislature functions and that elected officials show up to work;
- Draw redistricting maps that are fair to all communities;
- Increase election participation by enacting campaign contribution limits;
- Improve equal access to voting across the state;
- Advance government transparency, including defending Oregon public records law;
- Implement budget and tax policy that works for everyday Oregonians.