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Senate Democrats will Promote Environmental Protections, Public Health and Safety and a Strong Economy

Oregon Senate Democrats release agenda for the 2020 Legislative Session

SALEM – Senate Democrats have released this session’s legislative agenda, demonstrating their commitment to improving Oregonians’ health, safety and livelihoods in 2020 and beyond.

“Oregonians elected us to work diligently and to govern on their behalf,” said Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick (D-Portland). “Our caucus is committed to building on our critical successes from this past session, as well as balance agency budgets, grow Oregon’s economy and address our state’s most urgent issues. I am proud of our 2020 agenda, Oregonians are counting on us, and we are ready to address their priorities.”

The Oregon Senate Democrats’ Agenda for the 2020 session is focused on a few key areas:

- Ensuring sustainable environmental stewardship;
- Investing in Oregon’s future through education and workforce training;
- Building healthy communities;
- Strengthening Oregon’s economy and balancing the budget; and
- Promoting public safety and access to justice.
Senate Democrats will continue to focus on the state’s future and on securing positive outcomes for Oregonians. To accomplish that, they will work diligently on meaningful climate legislation and to protect Oregon’s environment and its economic vitality. Additionally, Democrats will prioritize thoughtful implementation of the Oregon Student Success Act and investments in Oregon’s workforce.

Legislators will continue to focus on ensuring healthy communities, including access to mental health services. Democrats will prioritize ways to protect vulnerable Oregonians, such as foster youth and survivors of violence.

Additionally, Democrats take seriously the need to lead with fiscal responsibility and are committed to make certain the Legislature invests substantially in the Rainy Day Fund, and they also remain dedicated to improving government transparency and public access to information.

Senate Democrats are committed to work diligently on Oregon’s most pressing issues. The 2020 Legislative Agenda reflects a dedication to responsible leadership, addressing the state’s most urgent needs, taking care of its citizens, and ensuring a secure future for generations to come.

The complete 2020 agenda can be found here.

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