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## Senate Democrats Deliver Real Victories for the People of Oregon

Today, the Senate will consider legislation on funding certain state agencies and other policy bills

**SALEM, Ore** - The work of the Oregon people continued yesterday as the Senate passed more critical legislation to address issues in communities across the state, from wildfire preparedness to broadband expansion.

All these bills went through the Legislature's rigorous committee process and were vetted by the public, subject matter experts, advocates and lawmakers from both parties.

"This week we are seeing the culmination of countless hours of work that hundreds of people put into legislation this session," said **Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D - Beaverton & SW Portland)**. "The bills we are passing are going to have a major impact on the people of Oregon."

The bills passed on Thursday included:

- House Bill 2147: Ensures unclaimed veterans' remains are properly interred
- House Bill 2235: Requires the Oregon Health Authority to convene a work group to study access to behavioral health treatment
- House Bill 2294: <u>Dedicates \$20 million to establish grants for local communities to</u> develop firefighter apprenticeship programs
- House Bill 2522: Directs the State Fire Marshal to conduct a full overview of rural fire protection-related laws to modernize and streamline our processes and programs
- House Bill 2697: Addresses the hospital staffing shortages and help providers deliver high-quality care for their patients
- House Bill 3127: Prohibits the installation and download of products controlled by hostile foreign governments on state owned cell phones and computers, including the popular video app TikTok

- House Bill 3201: Leverages up to \$700 million in federal funding to expand high-speed internet coverage in Oregon
- House Bill 3485: Makes the Oregon State Fire Marshal its own entity to improve wildfire response, collaboration across the state, and customer service
- House Bill 3528: Requires pharmacies to report dispensation of controlled substances to an electronic system

Senate Democrats are not done delivering for the people of Oregon. Today, they will take votes on certain state agency budget bills, including the Department of Emergency Management, Department of Human Services, Department of Early Learning and Care, and the Department of Environmental Quality.

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