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Senate Democrats Pass Dozens of Bills on Urgent Oregon Issues

Today, the Senate will consider legislation on drought and water security, rural broadband investments, and solutions to the childcare shortage

SALEM, Ore - Overcoming an internet outage that halted work for several hours, Democrats led the Oregon Senate in passing dozens of bills to urgently respond to the needs of our state.

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.

"Oregonians are counting on us to fix our housing crisis, make health care affordable and accessible in every community, and get dangerous drugs off of our streets," said **Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D - Beaverton & SW Portland)**. "No matter what gets thrown at us, Senate Democrats are dedicated to putting in the work and delivering for the people of Oregon."

The bills passed on Wednesday included, but are not limited to:

- **Senate Joint Resolution 34:** [Puts before Oregon voters a constitutional amendment to establish an independent commission to determine salaries for public officials](#)
- **House Bill 2278:** [Allows pharmacists to administer the flu vaccine to kids six months of age or older](#)
- **House Bill 2281:** [Empowers school districts to address and prevent discrimination more effectively](#)
- **House Bill 2426:** [Gives Oregon drivers the choice to pump their own gas or receive service from a gas station attendant](#)
- **House Bill 2486:** [Allows pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines under the supervision of a pharmacist](#)
- **House Bill 2513:** [Strengthens and improves the implementation of Oregon voter-approved Measure 110](#)
- **House Bill 2645:** [Provides law enforcement another tool to keep our communities safe by cracking down on possession of fentanyl](#)

- **House Bill 2921:** [Requires Oregon hospitals to share the reports and data collected for the federal government on race, ethnicity, sex and job category of their workforce with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries](#)
- **House Bill 3043:** [Expands the Toxic-Free Kids Act which will reduce exposure to toxic chemicals from products marketed for children](#)

Senate Democrats are not done delivering for the people of Oregon. Today, they will vote on legislation that will:

- Deliver \$110 million in drought and water security investments. ([HB 2010](#))
- Expand rural broadband. ([HB 3201](#))
- Support working families by making progress on the childcare shortage. ([HB 2991](#), [HB 3005](#))
- Take advantage of federal money to fix ventilation systems in Oregon schools, protecting the health of students and teachers. ([HB 3031](#))
- Protect housing providers renting to low-income Oregonians. ([HB 3417](#))

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