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Senate Democrats Act on Key Oregon Priorities

Wildfire response, behavioral health, home ownership, and rural infrastructure solutions to receive votes today

SALEM, Ore - Yesterday, Oregon Senate Democrats passed 45 bills to improve the lives of Oregonians across the state, most with bipartisan support. Moving these priorities forward was only possible after Senate Democrats rescued this session by negotiating an end to the Senate Republican walkout.

All of 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.

"The people of Oregon elected us to do a job, and that job is to draft, evaluate and pass good public policy that will make life better in every corner of our state," said **Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D - Beaverton & SW Portland)**. "We are going to finish the work Oregonians sent us here to do this session."

The bills passed on Tuesday included:

- **Senate Bill 1:** [Allows voluntary self-reporting of race and ethnicity on tax returns](#)
- **Senate Bill 3:** [Adds one half-credit of personal finance education and one half-credit of higher education and career path skills to Oregon high school graduation requirements](#)
- **Senate Bill 80:** [Strengthens the state's wildfire preparedness efforts](#)
- **Senate Bill 85:** [Protects public health, animal welfare, and access to water in communities with large confined animal feeding operations \(CAFOs\).](#)
- **Senate Bill 99:** [Establishes a bill of rights for LGBTQIA2S+ older adult residents of long term and community-based care facilities](#)
- **Senate Bill 192:** [Implements recommendations to increase prescription drug price transparency and affordability](#)
- **Senate Bill 337:** [Responds to the crisis in Oregon's Public Defense System](#)
- **Senate Bill 420:** [Establishes a brain injury resource facilitation program](#)
- **Senate Bill 488:** [Mandates emissions monitoring and waste limitations for municipal waste incinerators](#)

- **Senate Bill 546:** [Directs the Oregon Health Authority to maintain a list of chemicals of concern used in cosmetic products and regulate the use of those chemicals in products sold in Oregon](#)
- **Senate Bill 556:** [Prohibits the Oregon Department of Human Services from taking assets that rightfully belong to children and youth in foster care](#)
- **Senate Bill 582:** [Requires greater safety and training standards for EV charging installations](#)
- **Senate Bill 611:** [Sets a cap on rent increases of 10 percent annually or seven percent plus the 12-month average change in Consumer Price Index \(CPI\), whichever is lower](#)
- **Senate Bill 619:** [Empowers Oregonians with the information and control they need to protect their privacy online, following recommendations from an ODOJ Consumer Privacy Task Force](#)
- **Senate Bill 919:** [Grants new tools for local governments to incentivize new construction of "middle housing"](#)
- **Senate Bill 972:** [Requires the Oregon Health Authority to "procure and administer" a state-based health insurance exchange website](#)
- **Senate Bill 1041:** [Expands access to life-saving breast cancer screenings](#)
- **Senate Bill 1048:** [Directs the Oregon Department of Transportation to establish a small business development program to aid small businesses in competing for public improvement contracts](#)
- **Senate Bill 1089:** [Establishes a Universal Health Plan Governance Board](#)

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

- Prepare communities to survive and recover from wildfire season. ([HB 2484](#), [HB 2522](#), [HB 2902](#), [HB 3485](#))
- Address Oregon's behavioral health and addiction crises, including key fixes to Measure 110 and training requirements to make sure the 9-8-8 suicide hotline is prepared to support first responders. ([HB 2235](#), [HB 2513](#), [HB 3258](#), [HB 3426](#))
- Invest in the expansion of rural broadband. ([HB 3201](#))
- Increase home ownership and work to keep more renters in their homes. ([SB 825](#), [HB 3417](#))
- Support and honor Oregon's Veterans. ([HB 2144](#), [HB 2147](#), [HB 2295](#), [HB 2865](#))

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