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Senate Democrats Release 2014 Legislative Agenda

SALEM – The Oregon Senate Democrats released their [2014 Legislative Agenda](#) this morning at a press conference at the State Capitol.

“Unlike Washington, D.C., here in Oregon we’ve shown that we can get things done for everyday people,” said Senate Majority Leader Diane Rosenbaum (D-Portland). “This session, Democrats will fight for small business, work to expand job training opportunities, and protect seniors and our most vulnerable.”

Senator Diane Rosenbaum and House Majority Leader Val Hoyle (D-Eugene) released the Senate Democrats’ 2014 Agenda and the House Democrats’ 2014 Action Plan. They were joined at the news conference by Salem small business owner Jose Gonzalez and Portland State University student Rayleen McMillan, who each spoke to the importance of passing the components of the agendas.

The 2014 agenda focuses on three key areas:

- Accelerating Job Growth and Improving the Economy Across Oregon
- Protecting Investment in Our Schools and Making Higher Education More Affordable
- Making Government Work for Oregon’s Top Priorities

“Senate Democrats came together to make sure this agenda reflects what we hear from our constituents on a daily basis,” said Rosenbaum. “Our agenda represents the top priorities of everyday Oregonians, and we will get to work in February to improve the economy, expand access to education, and make government work.”

McMillan and Gonzalez traveled to the Capitol to add their support to the proposals advanced in the agenda.

“Small businesses are the backbone of our communities, and we want to be able to grow and thrive in Oregon, but we can’t do it alone,” said Gonzalez, who owns Tu Casa Real Estate in Salem. “We are excited that our legislators have put together a plan to expand access to loans and make it easier and more efficient for small businesses to work with the state.”

Rosenbaum and Hoyle stressed their commitment to work across their respective aisles and with the Governor to find solutions to critical problems that face Oregonians.

“The session ahead presents an opportunity to act on issues that are important to small business owners, students, workers, and Oregon families,” said Senator Alan Bates (D-Medford), Deputy Majority Leader. “We will get things done for Oregonians this session by focusing on accelerating job growth, improving opportunities for job training, and making government more accountable.”

To view the complete Senate Democrats’ 2014 Agenda, click [here](#).

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