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Session Adjourns: Senate Democrats Deliver for Families

Successful legislation gives economic relief, new tools for defending against federal aggression

SALEM, OR – Oregon Democrats worked with urgency in the just-concluded short legislative session to stand up for Oregon values, fight back against federal overreach by President Trump, help make life more affordable, and clear a path for economic growth.

“While the federal government continues to rig the system for billionaires and large corporations, Oregon Democrats made it clear that we will not sit back and allow our communities to be harmed,” said **Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama (D – E Portland, Boring & Damascus)**. “That is why we are investing in Oregon families to lower the cost of living and giving Oregon new ways to stand up to the Trump administration, and I feel confident that we found meaningful solutions for the problems that our communities are facing every day.”

During the 2026 Session, Oregon Senate Democrats took action to provide financial relief for Oregonians.

To make life more affordable for Oregonians, Senate Democrats:

- Expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit for 200,000 Oregon families and created a new tax credit for businesses that bring jobs to Oregon (SB 1507)
- Preserved state budgets for health care, education, public safety, and economic development
- Closed loopholes that had allowed lenders to charge as much as 100 percent interest on consumer loans (HB 4116)
- Put Oregonians ahead of huge corporate investors in homebuying (HB 4128)
- Cracked down on ticket scams and rip-offs (HB 4024)
- Strengthened support for veterans (HB 4132)
- Mandated that state-subsidized housing developments meet accessibility standards (SB 1576)
- Removed financial barriers to preventive health care and cervical cancer testing (SB 1598, SB 1527)
- Improved information for families seeking affordable day care (HB 4057)
- Protected renters’ ability to pay their bills using the method they choose, not just online portals that can trigger huge fees (SB 1523)
- Extended the Oregon Imagination Library program (HB 4022)
- Prohibited homeowners’ associations from stopping people who want to make fire-safe improvements to their homes (SB 1551)

- Invested to \$100 million to create and preserve affordable housing (SB 5702, HB 4036)

“We came into this session focused on one thing: lowering the cost of living on working families, said **Senator Deb Patterson (D – Salem)**. “We moved to reduce financial barriers to accessing health care and housing and acted to protect consumers from predatory price gouging by billionaires and large corporations who don’t have peoples’ best interests in mind.”

President Trump continues to trample individual rights, violate constitutional protections, and disregard community standards for public officials, all with little accountability. Federal agencies use your tax dollars as a weapon, threatening to defund any program the Trump administration targets for punishment.

To defend against federal overreach, Senate Democrats:

- Gave Oregonians the right to sue federal agents or agents from another state operating in Oregon (HB 4114)
- Required law enforcement to be identifiable and unmasked in most situations (HB 4138)
- Banned landlords from disclosing immigration status and other personal information (HB 4123)
- Directed school districts to make plans for what to do when ICE comes on school property (HB 4079)
- Prohibited discrimination in education related to immigration or citizenship status (SB 1538)
- Defended privacy in health care treatments (SB 4088)
- Defended hospitals as places for healing (SB 1570)
- Maintained access to reproductive health care, including abortion (HB 4127)
- Stopped data brokers from sharing, selling, or providing data for the purposes of immigration enforcement (SB 1587)
- Brought participation from immigrant and refugee Oregonians into the implementation of Oregon’s Sanctuary Promise law (SB 1594)
- Prohibited state and local governments from cooperating with the federal government on the sale of public lands (SB 1590)
- Ensured Oregon immigrant communities can work, access the courts, and interact with law enforcement representatives without fear (HB 4111)
- Invested in legal services for immigrant and refugee Oregonians facing frequent disruptions to federal rules for immigration processes (HB 5204)

“At a time when our communities are seeing our national government turning away from fairness and justice, Senate Democrats are clear-eyed about the responsibility before us,” said **Senator Winsvey Campos (D – Aloha, Beaverton & South Hillsboro)**. “We will continue defending Oregon’s values and protecting vulnerable communities during a challenging time.”

A thriving economy that enriches Oregon—not billionaires—is essential for our state’s future growth. Oregon has impressive talent and tremendous potential for economic development.

To revitalize Oregon’s economy, Senate Democrats:

- Set up \$25 million in tax credits to bring and keep jobs in Oregon (SB 1507)
- Outlined a partnership to secure the future of the Moda Center and keep the Trailblazers in Portland (SB 1501)

- Eased permitting demands for economic development (HB 4084)
- Updated law on recreational liability waivers to make recreation businesses insurable (SB 1517)
- Invested \$42.5 million in OSU Cascades (SB 5701)
- Directed \$11.5 million to Williams & Russell Community Development Corporation for affordable office and retail space for small businesses (SB 5701)
- Put \$10 million toward regional infrastructure for cities with populations under 25,000 (HB 5204)
- Dedicated \$10 million to industrial sites (HB 5204)
- Reduced red tape around developing housing (HB 4037, HB 4082, SB 1521)
- Established low-interest loans for mixed income housing production (SB 1567)
- Bolstered the Prosperity 10,000 workforce program, by directing regional workforce boards to focus on labor shortages and targeted industries (SB 1512)
- Established the Blue Economy Task Force to support the growth of sustainable businesses while maintaining the health of Oregon's coastal ecosystems (SB 1525)
- Dedicated a steady stream of funding to protect Oregon's natural resources and wildlife (HB 4134)

The state budget also is under threat from the Trump administration's reckless policies, and Oregon started the session staring down a \$900 million gap caused by the federal government. Budget writers in the legislature managed to avoid deep cuts while protecting public education, health care and public safety. Closing tax loopholes for billionaires and out-of-state corporations safeguarded \$311 million for balancing the budget.

"Budget aftershocks from the Trump cuts to Medicaid and SNAP will keep hitting Oregon in future years," said **Senator Jama**. "Oregon lawmakers must continue working together to make resources stretch and to help families thrive."

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