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## **Oregon Senate Democrats cite 2011 Session Accomplishments**

End-of-session report details policy successes in a wide range of areas

SALEM – Senate Democrats released today summaries of their accomplishments for the 2011 legislative session. The issue areas span a range of topics including Helping Oregon Families, Jobs and Economic Development, Health Care, Education, Public Safety, and several other important policy areas.

"Oregon Senate Democrats faced the state's financial challenges this session with a clear set of priorities: growing jobs, protecting our children's future, and looking out for the most vulnerable," said Senate Majority Leader Diane Rosenbaum (D-Portland). "In tough times, we never forgot whose side we're on: the side of middle class Oregonians, struggling families, and our most vulnerable."

Rosenbaum pointed to legislation like the "Cool Schools" bill, the bottle bill expansion, and the historic agreements on both legislative and congressional redistricting maps as prime examples of legislative collaboration during the session. She noted legislation to extend unemployment insurance, provide loans for small businesses, protect homeowners facing foreclosure, and funding for early childhood education as key examples of Senate Democrats' 2011 legislative priorities.

The customary "end-of-session binder" created by the caucus office at the completion of each session can be found at this link: <u>http://www.leg.state.or.us/senatedemocrats/2011\_accomplishments.pdf</u> The end of session checklist, outlining caucus agenda bills can be found here: <u>http://www.leg.state.or.us/senatedemocrats/2011\_agenda\_checklist.pdf</u>

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