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## Oregon Senate Democrats release 2013 session accomplishments, featuring wins for school funding and job creation

SALEM – Senate Democrats released summaries of their accomplishments for the 2013 Legislative Session online today. The issue areas in the summaries highlight Senate Democrats' successes in passing priority legislation to invest in public schools, stand up for middle class families, and put Oregonians back to work.

"This session, Senate Democrats delivered on Oregonians' essential priorities and laid the groundwork for statewide prosperity," said Senate Majority Leader Diane Rosenbaum (D-Portland). "We did what we set out to do: Make a strong reinvestment in our public schools, help get Oregonians back to work, and fight hard for middle class families."

Senate Democrats released a 2013 "<u>Check List</u>" this morning, illustrating their agenda at the beginning of session and the bills passed that demonstrate their success. In particular, Rosenbaum pointed to the Senate Democrats' major priority of reinvesting in Oregon's K-12 schools to turn the corner toward a stronger education system after years of cuts.

"The K-12 budget we championed provides a substantial reinvestment in Oregon's public schools and provides one billion dollars more for schools over the previous biennium. This historic investment allows most school districts to avoid further cuts and many school districts will have the resources to restore school days and add teachers," said Rosenbaum. "The budget also provides for a big boost to human services and health care in order to protect our most vulnerable Oregonians, while adding more resources to programs that support struggling families."

The customary "end-of-session binder" created by the Senate Majority Office at the completion of each session can be found at this <u>link</u> or this address: <u>http://www.leg.state.or.us/senatedemocrats/2013%20Binder.pdf</u>

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