



# Representative Greg Smith

*Proudly Serving Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Portions of Wasco Counties*

## Taking Care of House District 57 *Legislative Accomplishments of the 2013 Session*

### EDUCATION



#### **\$1 Billion Increase in K-12 Education Funding**

Representative Smith helped pass the largest education budget in Oregon's history at \$6.75 billion. This is a \$1 billion increase over the 2011-13 biennium.

*"We're going to be able to add teachers back... we're going to be able to add school days... we're going to be able to invest in shop, music and agricultural program again. This is a moment of elation for Eastern Oregon." – Representative Greg Smith*



#### **BMCC Applied Animal Science Education Center - \$3.3 million**

Representative Smith secured \$3.3 million to build the Applied Animal Science Education Center at Blue Mountain Community College. As one of BMCC's highest priorities, this center will train students for high-demand careers in the livestock industry, one of the largest sectors of Umatilla and Morrow Counties' economy.

In 2009, Representative Smith was instrumental in funding \$8 million for the BMCC/EOU Higher Education Center in Hermiston.



#### **Eastern Oregon University Learning Commons Funding - \$2 million**

Representative Smith continued his strong support of capital investments to Eastern Oregon University by helping the Capital Construction Subcommittee allocate \$2 million for the development of the EOU Learning Commons which will be a multi-use facility and a new technology hub creating a complete learning-centered environment which will be the nexus of technology on campus.

Since 2009, Representative Smith has worked to secure nearly \$32 million for Eastern Oregon University through capital construction projects. These include: Pierce Library, Inlow Hall, Zabel Hall, Quinn Coliseum and other deferred maintenance projects.



***Workforce Development Training & Education Funding - \$7.5 million***

Representative Smith joined a broad coalition of legislators this session to push for funding workforce development and education projects. Smith helped pass Senate Bill 498, which puts \$7.5 million in new money into the Career and Technical Education grant program. This program grants money to high schools in support of career and technical skills teaching.



***Mandates American Flag Be Displayed in Classrooms***

Representative Smith joined with representatives from across the state to sponsor and pass House Bill 3014, requiring schools to procure United States flags and display them in each classroom in addition to providing time for students to salute the flag once weekly during school hours.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



***Creation of Water Supply Development Fund - \$10 million***

After years of meetings and discussions about how to obtain more Columbia River water for agricultural development, Representative Smith and Representative Bob Jenson achieved the passage of Senate Bill 839, the Umatilla Basin Water Bill.

This bill creates the Water Supply Development Fund for the purpose of making loans and grants toward water conservation, reuse and storage projects. In addition, Representative Smith allocated \$10 million of funding to the account through the Joint Ways and Means Capital Construction Subcommittee.



***Port of Umatilla / Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Road Development - \$3.5 million***

Through the Capital Construction Subcommittee, Rep. Smith was able to allocate \$3.5 million dollars for the development of roads near the Port of Umatilla which will open up hundreds of acres for industrial development.



***Creation of the Office of Small Business Assistance***

Representative Smith was a chief sponsor of House Bill 3459, which creates the Office of Small Business Assistance within the Secretary of State's Office.

The office will facilitate interactions between small businesses and state agencies in order to ensure a level playing field. The office will also conduct reviews and investigations of complaints received from small business with respect to interactions with state agencies.



### **Kick-Off of "Hydro as Renewable Energy Act" Petition**

First to sign the state petition, Representative Smith kicked off the signature drive for the "Affordable Renewable Energy Act Petition." The petition would ask voters to include hydroelectricity in the state's Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS), which it is currently not. House District 57 contains several of Oregon's largest hydroelectric producers and key industries have selected the district because of this low-cost and renewable energy source.

*"Renewable, low-cost energy form hydroelectric sources has been instrumental in the economic development of Eastern Oregon and is a key source of electricity for all Oregonians. This measure will allow Eastern Oregon to continue to be competitive in attracting businesses which provide outstanding economic development opportunities for our region." – Representative Greg Smith*

## ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS



### **Gilliam/Sherman/Wheeler County Digital Switch - \$1 million**

The Wheeler, Gilliam and Sherman County Digital Switch will see \$1 million of funding allocated by Representative Smith and the Capital Construction Subcommittee.

This public communications system will serve public health facilities, law enforcement and emergency services agencies and organizations; all schools in the three counties; two Education Service Districts; a regional Public Safety Answering Point (9-1-1 Dispatch Center); and all local government bodies within these three counties.



### **Hermiston Interstate-84 Signage**

During the legislative session, Representative Smith assisted in convening a meeting between Hermiston City officials and the Oregon Department of Transportation. The purpose of the meeting was to explore the most effective signage options, adding and replacing signs to Hermiston along I-84 eastbound from Portland.

A proposal was then submitted to ODOT and recently approved; the construction of signs is expected to be completed by September 14, 2013.



### ***Celilo Falls Consortium Project - \$1.5 million***

Representative Smith helped secure \$1.5 million needed for the Celilo Falls Consortium Project to move forward. The project will redesign the Celilo Falls State Park along I-84. The project will provide a destination for travelers to stop along the Columbia River, and within District 57, to learn about Celilo Falls.

## PUBLIC SAFETY & 2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT RIGHTS



### ***Oregon State Police Funding Increase & Umatilla County Troopers***

Representative Smith continued his push to increase the budget for Oregon State Police. As the ranking house member on the Joint Ways and Means Committee, Representative Smith helped pass a \$10.2 million total funds increase to the Oregon State Police budget. In addition to the budget increase, early on in the legislative session, Representative Smith worked with the Oregon State Police Superintendent to locate two additional troopers to help support public safety needs in Umatilla County.



### ***All Anti-Second Amendment Legislation Defeated***

Representative Smith helped ensure a defeat of all Anti-Second Amendment legislation introduced to during the 2013 Legislative Session.

## RURAL HEALTH CARE



### ***Creation of the Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative***

Representative Smith was the chief sponsor of Senate Bill 2, which creates the Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative. This program will pay the full cost of tuition and fees for (up to) 40 students in exchange for their commitment to work in Oregon's underserved or rural communities after graduation.



### ***Securing Fair Reimbursement Rates for Rural Pharmacies***

House Bill 2323 passed after much work from Representative Smith and Representative Jules Bailey. HB 2323 will help rural pharmacies maintain fair reimbursement rates from Pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). It also establishes an appeals process when disputes arise between a network pharmacy and a PBM, allowing small rural pharmacies a voice. Maintaining fair reimbursement rates helps rural pharmacies keep their doors open and health care available in rural areas.



### ***Creation of Primary Care Provider Loan Repayment Fund***

As a chief sponsor of Senate Bill 440, Representative Smith was instrumental in its passage. SB 440 creates a Primary Care Provider Loan Repayment Program. This program will assist primary care physicians who work in rural or underserved communities and serve Medicaid and Medicare patients. The program will address the primary care provider shortage in Oregon's rural and medically underserved areas.

## HONORING SERVICE



### ***House Resolution 2 – Hermiston Mayor Robert E. Severson***

Representative Smith and Representative Jenson sponsored and passed House Resolution 2, honoring the lifetime of service by the late Hermiston Mayor Robert Severson. The resolution was passed and filed in official state record in tribute to Mayor Severson and in honor of the Severson Family.