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Chuck Thomsen announces session priorities, highlighted by jobs, government efficiency

Salem – Chuck Thomsen (R-Hood River) will focus on the creation of private sector jobs, increasing funding to local classrooms and streamlining state government during the 2013 Legislative Session, which began business on Monday.

“Helping unemployed Oregonians get back on the job remains my top focus,” said Thomsen, who is beginning his third year as Senate District 26’s representative in Salem. “I’m working on legislation that will put life and energy back into Oregon’s economy.”

Thomsen’s legislative agenda includes:

- Exempt new, fuel efficient cars from DEQ smog checks, saving drivers from fees and eliminating unnecessary state bureaucracy. (SB 212)
- Reduce cost of gasoline. (SB 213)
- Create a fast tracked process for new, job-creating construction. (SB 220)
- Authorize the Governor to grant tax certainty to companies of any size willing to make an investment in Oregon. (SB TBD)
- Set a mandatory minimum funding level for K-12 education for all future legislatures. (SB TBD)

“To create an environment where businesses and the families they employ can be successful, we need world class education and an atmosphere that welcomes job-creators,” said Thomsen. “I think these bills help us move in that direction.”

Thomsen was first elected to the State Senate in 2010. He is a fourth generation orchardist from Hood River. He graduated from Hood River High School in 1975, and went on to graduate from Willamette University. Thomsen has been a volunteer firefighter with the Pine Grove Fire Department for thirty years. Thomsen has served as a Hood River County Commissioner for 16 years.

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