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Winters announces February agenda

Salem, OR – Senator Jackie Winters (R-Salem) announced the concepts for her legislative agenda on Tuesday. Her energies during this February session will focus on targeted assistance for Oregon small businesses and new protections for Oregon’s seniors and the medically needy.

“We have a short window of 35 days to pass legislation, so I want to focus on solutions that are tangible and doable and will have the best results for Oregonians,” said Winters. “I believe this is a consensus agenda that can improve the lives of Oregonians.”

To protect small businesses from “patent trolls” who extort licensing fees by threatening litigation, Winters is introducing legislation that allows small businesses to pursue attorney fees from trolls.

Winters will also introduce legislation that allows a vulnerable patient to obtain higher-cost medication when an insurer’s preferred lower-cost medications do not address the patient’s specific medical needs.

Winters will push for legislation establishing “Silver Alerts” for vulnerable seniors. Law enforcement agencies would be required to have response protocols for missing seniors, especially those with dementia.

“I am hopeful this legislation will help those whose voices in Salem may not be heard as loudly as others, but whose needs are just as real,” said Winters.

Winters is a retired small business owner and has served in the state legislature since 1998, when she was elected to the House of Representatives. She was elected to the Senate in 2002.

Jackie has lived in Salem for 43 years.

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