



2022 Legislative Short Session

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Report
and
Summary



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I'm honored to represent and serve the racially diverse communities of House District 47.

Together we can build more equitable neighborhoods with the resources and opportunities for our communities to thrive.



Introduction

The 2022 short legislative session brought historic investments and support necessary for Oregon's economic recovery and stability.

While legislative committees continued to be conducted remotely, the Capitol building was open to the public and more community members trickled back in.

This session was also marked by **new House leadership**, with Representative Dan Rayfield stepping in as Speaker of the House, and Representative Julie Fahey stepping in as Majority Leader. I was honored to have been elected by my fellow colleagues to serve as **Deputy Whip** alongside Representative Rob Nosse as Majority Whip and **Co-Vice Chair of the BIPOC Caucus**.

Together, we led with our values and successfully maintained unity and equity through many harrowing moments in our state's history.

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Native American Land Acknowledgement

HD 47 – which spans a section of outer East Portland was built on the lands of and through the forced displacement of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas bands of the Chinook and many other tribes who made their homes and fostered communities along the Columbia and Wilamette rivers.

Tribes from this ancestral territory are now part of the Grand Ronde, Siletz, and Warm Springs sovereign nations.

We acknowledge the tribes that have not received federal recognition, those who were removed from or relocated outside of Oregon, and the robust Native community made up of tribal diversity that originates from around the country, and whose journeys have brought them to Portland by ways of forced displacement or seeking opportunities.



Summary

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We began this legislative session with a total of **253** introduced pieces of legislation. I was honored to serve on six committees that gave me the opportunity to weigh in on and support many of these bills:

- Joint Ways and Means Committee
- House Rules Committee
- House Revenue Committee
- House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
- House Housing Committee
- Joint Committee on Farm Worker Overtime



In outer east Portland, we continue to face simultaneous crises like lack of affordable housing and homelessness, economic instability, high COVID-19 rates and lower access to vaccines, increasing costs of living, rising gun violence, and an exhausted education workforce.

I addressed these district and statewide needs by providing **\$600 support payments** to low income individuals and families and passing **farmworker overtime, transforming justice**, and **universal representation**. I'm proud to report that Oregon House Democrats passed a **\$400 million dollar** housing package to address Oregon's ongoing housing crisis.

Thank you to the many coalition partners, co-sponsors, and individuals who collaborated with our office to get these important bills across the finish line! I'm honored to work alongside you all.

**2021-
2023**
biennium

\$24
billion Gross
General Fund

\$789
million increase
from December
2021 revenue
forecast

\$807
million increase
from 2021 close of
session revenue
forecast

111,000
housing units
deficit in the
past decade

February 2022 Revenue Forecast

Gross General Fund revenues for the 2021-23 biennium are expected to reach **\$24.9 billion**. This represents an **increase of \$789** million from the December 2021 forecast, and an increase of \$807 million relative to the Close of Session forecast.

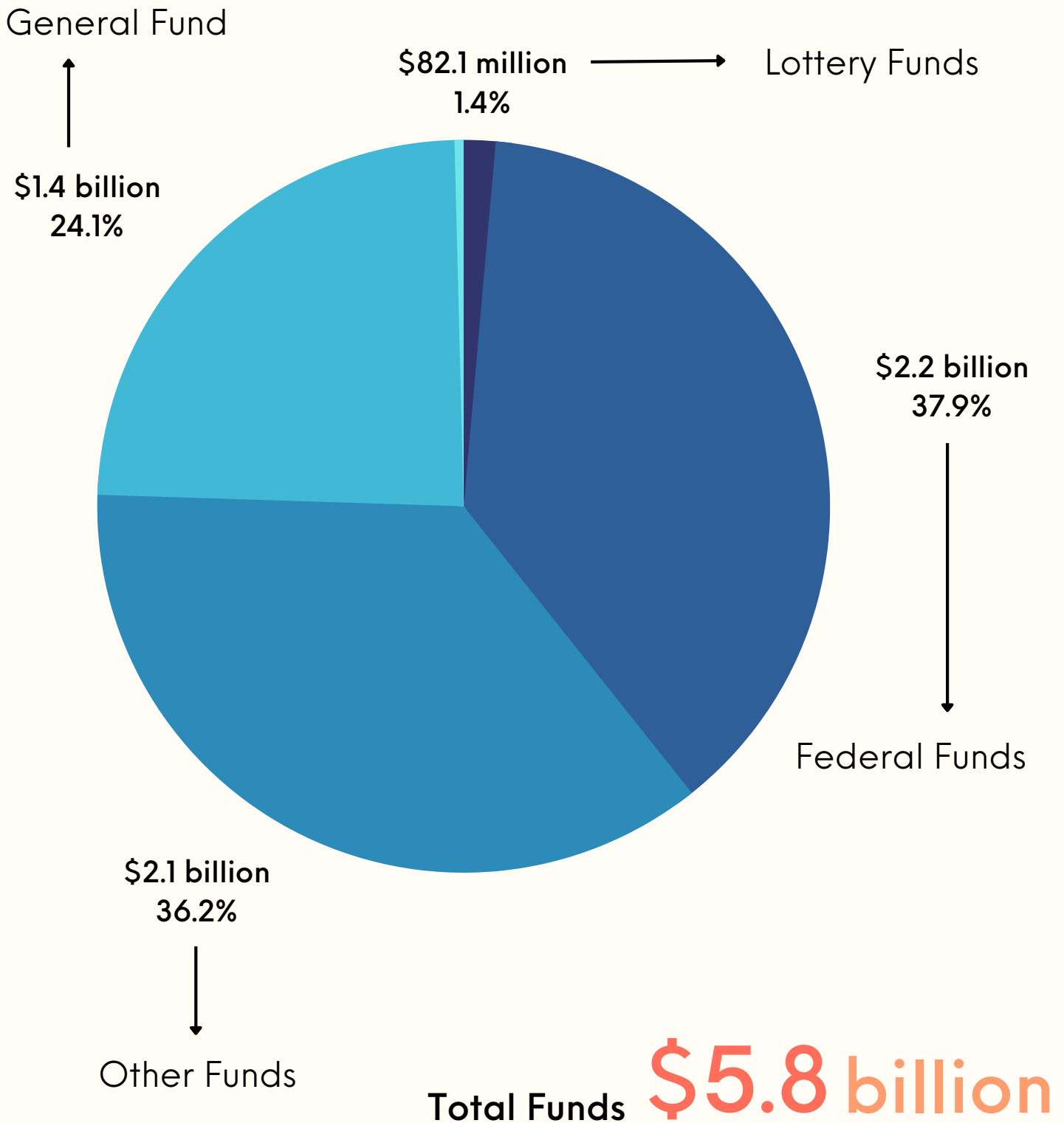
Personal and corporate income tax collections continue to set records. As the inflationary boom persists, all of Oregon's primary state revenue instruments continue to outperform pre-pandemic expectations. Rising inflation continues to impact Oregonians as groceries and prescriptions continue to increase in cost.

New housing supply has not kept pace with demand in ownership or rental markets. Oregon has underbuilt housing by 111,000 units in recent decades. To the extent home prices and rents rise significantly faster than incomes, it is a clear risk to the outlook. Lack of affordable housing hurts Oregonians as they need to devote a larger share of their household budget to basic necessities. Global conflict also impacts the Oregon economy.

This record number of resources are predominantly coming from higher income earners and big businesses who are doing well.

Wealth isn't equally distributed and middle and lower income Oregonians continue to bear the brunt of economic hardships caused or exacerbated by the pandemic. We need tax reform that holds corporations accountable, closes the wealth and gender wage gap, and lifts up low income and BIPOC communities.

2022 Short Session Budget Investments



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HB 5202 PROVIDED FUNDING FOR

- **Housing supply**
 - Economic and community development projects
 - **Worker relief**
 - Disaster recovery and resiliency
 - **Childcare and summer learning**
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- Enhancements to home and community-based services
 - **Community violence prevention and crime victim assistance**
 - Public defense
 - **Behavioral health**
 - Wildfire and wildfire recovery
 - **Drought and climate resiliency**
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- Water and wastewater related infrastructure projects
 - **Homelessness prevention + response**
 - County courthouse construction
 - **Rural infrastructure and broadband access**
 - Information technology projects
 - **Public universities and community colleges**



2022 Short Session Budget Investments



Reproductive Equity Fund

Through HB 5202, the budget reconciliation bill, the Legislature appropriated **\$15 million to Seeding Justice** to administer the Reproductive Equity Fund. This funding will ensure that Oregon is prepared to address unprecedented threats to reproductive freedom.

Will support:

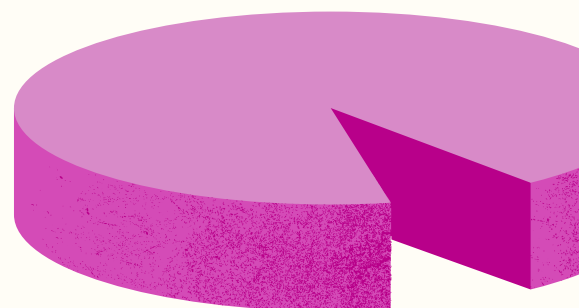
- Key investments in capital;
- Infrastructure, outreach and engagement;
- Other strategies to address unmet patient needs;
- And provide a robust and transparent community-informed process

The fund will also achieve geographic impact in communities hardest hit by abortion bans in neighboring states, push back on the Hyde and Weldon amendments, and address the economic fallout from the global pandemic.

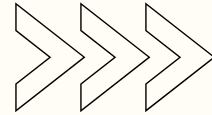


Oregon Worker Relief Fund

Through HB 5202, the Legislature appropriated **\$65 million to the Oregon Worker Relief Fund**. A portion of this budget allocation – **\$15 million** – will be used to provide pandemic relief for individuals who lost work because of COVID-19 but are ineligible for unemployment because of *immigration status* and to provide direct *\$600 payments to ITIN filers*.

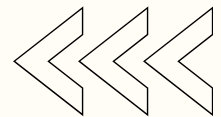


My Legislative Agenda



My legislative and budget priorities are all based in **racial, economic, disability, gender, and climate** justice values.

Our office values are centered within Incan communal values and principles and include:









-  **Munay** Love
-  **Ayni** Reciprocity
-  **Yachay** Knowing
-  **Llank'ay** Work



My Legislative Agenda

This session we successfully **passed over 100 bills** and invested **\$1.4 billion** into addressing homelessness, increased violence, and the rise of cost of living among other urgent needs. I'm pleased to share that a majority of my legislative agenda passed!

My 2022 Top Bill Priorities

-  **HB 4157**
Cost of Living Support Payments
-  **HB 4002**
Farmworker Overtime
-  **SB 1543**
Universal Representation
-  **SB 1536**
Access to Cooling
-  **SB 1510**
Transforming Justice 2022
-  **HB 4144**
Election Worker Safety
-  **SB 1569**
Race and Ethnicity on Tax Forms
-  **HB 4099**
Racial Equity and Justice Youth Collaborative



Thank you to our coalition partners!





Oregon Legislature 2022

Black, Indigenous, People of Color Caucus

I am proud to have served as a Co-Vice Chair of the recently formed BIPOC Caucus. We are made up of 14 members who serve in the House and Senate chambers. This session, we were joined by Representative Nelson, Representative Sosa, and Senator Lawrence Spence.

The COVID-19 global pandemic continues to disproportionately impact Black and Brown communities. From the highest number of COVID-19 outbreaks to the lowest access to vaccinations, our communities have experienced the brunt of the health impacts of this virus.

Additionally, Black and Brown communities continue to be impacted by the lack of affordable childcare, high rents, healthcare expenses, and no culturally specific workforce strategy in place. Our communities and children continue to face historic levels of hate and discrimination in addition to harm from disparate rates of arrest and incarceration.

The work we do today reverberates generations into the future. As a caucus, we developed a legislative agenda that prioritized access to quality jobs, healthcare and education, healthy and safe communities, and representative and fair democracy.



2022 BIPOC CAUCUS MEMBERS



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Jama
Co-Chair



Sen. Akasha
Lawrence Spence
Co-Vice Chair



Rep. Andrea
Valderrama
Co-Vice Chair



Rep. Teresa
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Bynum



Rep. Wlmsvey
Campos



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Nelson



Rep. Khanh
Pham



Rep. Ricki
Ruiz



Rep. Andrea
Salinas



Rep. Tawna
Sanchez



Rep. Nathan
Sosa



BIPOC Caucus Bill Priorities

- ✿ Support for Communities and Small Businesses
- ✿ Housing and Homelessness
- ✿ Health and Wellness
- ✿ Supporting Students, Teachers, and Schools
- ✿ Indigenous & Immigrant and Refugee Justice
- ✿ Public Safety and Civil Rights
- ✿ Environmental Justice
- ✿ Strengthening Democracy



Legislative and Budget Accomplishments

The following bills are some of the bills that were supported by the BIPOC Caucus, the Democratic caucus, and/or me. For a full list of bills passed this Session, click [here](#).

Economic Recovery & Workforce Development

Key Investments



A **\$200 million** investment in workforce development to help workers access the training they will need to succeed, including **\$200 million for Future Ready Oregon** (SB 1545). **Over \$100 million** to help rebuild critical infrastructure in rural Oregon, which will support local economies and create jobs across the state.

Key Policies



- OPB: "Oregon Democrats revive proposal to give low-wage workers economic impact checks" (HB 4157)
- Gazette Times: "Oregon House votes to end farmworker overtime exemption" (HB 4002)
- Oregon Capital Chronicle: "Legislative plans could repair roads in rural Oregon, promote energy efficiency, help the homeless"
- OPB: "Nurses would get more support under Oregon legislative plan" (HB 4003)
- Oregon Capital Chronicle: "House plan would give mental health facilities nearly \$200 million for staffing" (HB 4004)
- OPB: "Oregon Legislature passes plan to offer bigger loans to startups, small businesses" (HB 4015)

A Place to Call Home

Key Investments

A **\$400 million** package to tackle the urgent housing and homelessness crisis, including:

- **\$165 million** for homelessness services
- **\$215 million** to build and preserve affordable housing
- **\$20 million** to improve access to homeownership

Key Policies

- Press Release: "Oregon House Democrats Increase Supports for Homeless Youth" (HB 4013)
- Statesman Journal: "Salem could soon have more micro-shelter locations, thanks to the Legislature" (HB 4037)
- Press Release: "Oregon House Democrats Support Creative Housing Solutions and Wildfire Recovery for Manufactured Housing Residents" (HB 4064)



Education and Childcare

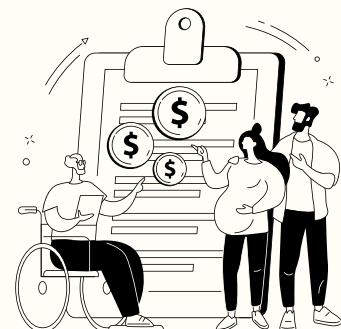
Key Investments

A **\$300 million education package** to address:

- Staffing crisis in Oregon's schools and create summer learning opportunities
- Support wild-fire impacted school districts
- Address education disparities by funding the Pacific Islander Student Success Plan and adding **\$5 million** to the African American/Black Student Success Plan.
- A **\$100 million** investment to expand access to child care and rebuild the child care workforce.

Key Policies

- Oregon Live: "Oregon's education system needs this youth led racial justice collaborative" (HB 4099)
- Oregon Capital Chronicle: "Oregon lawmakers looking to make child care more affordable, available" (HB 4005)
- KOBI5: "Bill ensuring funding for wildfire affected schools, one step closer to passing" (HB 4026)
- Oregon Capital Chronicle: "Legislators considering steps to tackle Oregon's shortage of teachers" (HB 4030)
- OPB: "Oregon superintendent protections bill passes House" (SB 1521)



Access to Healthcare and Healthy Communities



Key Investments



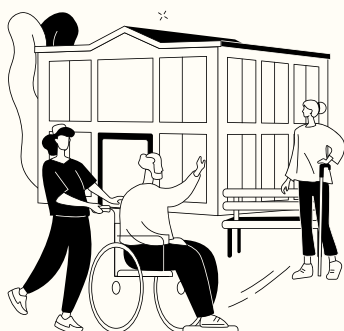
Over **\$300 million** for healthcare needs, including:

- Protecting health coverage for low-income Oregonians (HB 4035)
- **\$150 million** to support behavioral health workers and providers (HB 4004)
- **\$45 million** to address the crisis in Oregon's health care workforce at OHSU
- Support for Oregon nurses who are experiencing burnout from the extreme stress of the pandemic (HB 4003)

Key Policies



- Portland Business Journal: "Bill to create bridge for those cycling off Medicaid advances in Oregon House" (HB 4035)
- Lund Report: "House Bill Would Set Up Mobile Health Units In Oregon" (HB 4052)
- Press Release: "Oregon House Democrats Pass Bill to Protect Firefighters with Occupational Cancer" (HB 4113)



Equity and Justice For All



Key Investments



Smart investments in community safety, including:

- *\$15 million* to support CBOS working to prevent violence including grants for job placement, mentorship, training programs, greening community spaces, mental health and addiction support, and community-based initiatives that disrupt cycles of violence.
- *\$5 million* to expand hospital-based community violence prevention programs that aid victims of violent crime.
- *\$13 million* to help local communities around the state clean up trash and provide sanitation services
- *\$14 million* to support services for crime victims
- *\$10 million* for Oregon Domestic & Sexual Violence Services Fund
- *\$300,000* for the Legal Services Pilot Program at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility operated by Oregon Justice Resource Center

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Protecting Our Communities From the Climate Crisis

Key Investments

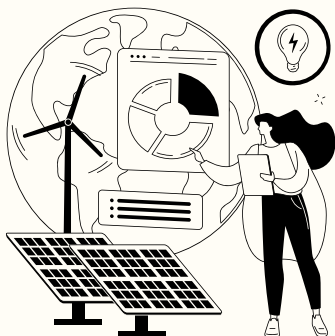


A **\$100 million climate resilience budget** aims to tackle drought, extreme weather, and infrastructure needs.

Key Policies



- KDRV: "Oregon Bill through Legislature with Less (Water) Pressure" (HB 4057)
- The Oregonian: "Journalists would get more access to Oregon wildfire zones under bill" (HB 4087)
- The Oregonian: "Oregon bill to help renters get air conditioners for extreme heat passes Senate" (SB 1536)
- Portland Tribune: "Forest harvest tax bill goes to governor" (HB 4055)
- Oregon Capital Chronicle: "Private Forest Accord passes Senate, clearing way for House vote" (SB 1501)
- The Oregonian: "Editorial: Elliott State Forest proposal a win for Oregon" (SB 1546)
- Willamette Week: "Tank Farm in Northwest Portland Is a Flaming Disaster Waiting to Happen, New Report Says" (SB 1567)



Bringing Every Oregonian Along



Key Investments



A nearly **\$300 million cost of living relief package**, including:

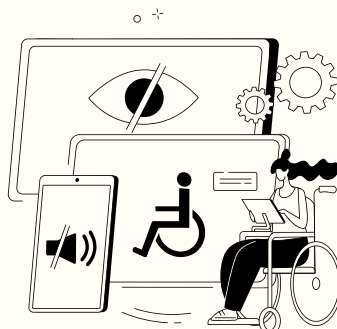
- Direct, **one-time relief payments of \$600** that will help more than 240,000 low-wage workers cover their essential needs (HB 4157)
- **\$100 million** to address the shortage of affordable childcare across the state (HB 4005)
- Increased outreach to help working families access tax relief (HB 4117)



Key Policies



- Pamplin Media: "Oregon lawmakers act on two election bills" (HB 4144)
- KOIN: "Oregon lawmakers approve \$15M to block threats against abortion access" (HB 5202)
- OPB: "Oregon Democrats revive proposal to give low-wage workers economic impact checks" (HB 4157)
- Press Release: "Oregon House Votes to Protect Injured Workers" (HB 4138)
- OPB: "Eyeing snack giant Mondelez, Oregon lawmakers pass changes to overtime law" (SB 1513)
- Press Release: "Oregon Senate Democrats Pass Economic Equity Investment Program" (SB 1579)



Community and In District Engagement

I was proud to host **two session town halls**, **one joint town hall**, and **one policy kick off** in 2022 so far. Our office sent out **six newsletters**, and I look forward to scheduling more events and opportunities to engage with constituents in the coming months!

Check out our newsletter archive [here](#).



Start of Session Town Hall

Friday, February 4th, 2022
with special guest Secretary of State Shemia Fagan



Joint Town Hall with Senator Jama

Wednesday, January 26th, 2022



Racial Equity and Justice Youth Collaborative Policy Kick Off

Thursday, January 20th, 2022



End of Session Town Hall

Thursday, March 10th, 2022
with special guests former kid governors Taneesh Garg and Raaga Mandala

Unfinished Business and 2023 Agenda Preview

While we provided significant relief to Oregonians this session, there will be some bills that we will be bringing back for the 2023 long session. I am saddened that many exceptional colleagues of mine won't be coming back next year, and that three women in particular are unable to sustain this work without increased pay.

I'm committed to continuing to address the economic needs of mothers and all Oregonians, and to ensuring a livable wage for all. I'd also like to thank Senate President Peter Courtney for his leadership as he retires, and Governor Brown for her steadfast commitment to Oregonians' health and safety throughout the entirety of this pandemic.



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Unfinished Business and 2023 Agenda Preview

Unfortunately, one of my top priorities, **HB 4099: Racial Equity and Justice Youth Collaborative**, did not move forward this session. Deep appreciation to the youth who organized and raised their voices on this important issue. We'll be bringing it back next session. I'll continue working to ensure economic stability for working families and fostering safety in our schools and communities.

	Racial Equity and Justice Youth Collaborative	Creation of a state-level Racial Equity and Justice Youth Collaborative at the Oregon Department of Education – the first of its kind in Oregon and nationally.
	Race and Ethnicity on Tax Forms	Requires the inclusion of optional race and ethnicity questions to Oregon's personal income tax form and builds on the REAL-D (Race, Ethnicity, Language, and Disability) data collection work.
	Opportunity To Serve Act	Reduces barriers, addresses the cost of living, and ensures equitable representation in elected positions to allow more Oregonians the opportunity to enter Public Service.
	Displacement Prevention Assistance Workgroup	To address rising evictions, we will propose a bill that provides necessary assistance to keep individuals and families housed and kids in school.
	Historic Property Incentive Program	Broadens the historic property special assessment program to include tax credits and grants increasing accessibility to the program.



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