



EQUITABLE OREGON

2023 SESSION PRIORITIES

Senate Republicans' **Equitable Oregon** agenda offers equitable and fair solutions that meet the needs of Oregonians in every corner of the state. The majority party's continuation of 'status quo' policies have resulted in unprecedented government overreach, rising cost of living, skyrocketing crime, schools that fail our students, and homelessness at unimaginable levels. We feel their impacts daily. The crises facing Oregonians require fast and effective action from the Legislature. Senate Republicans' agenda for the 2023 Session provides no less.

▶ **Saving Oregonians from Rising Inflation & Increased Cost of Living**

- Return the Kicker as a check, returning \$5,200 per household on average - **LC 3881**
- Freeze property taxes for Oregon seniors 67+ for primary residence - **SJR 17**
- Raise CAT tax coverage threshold to \$5 million - **SB 127**
- Additional exemption against Oregon estate tax - **SB 68**
- Urge balanced budget amendment to United States Constitution - **SJM 1**
- Create a business-friendly environment to attract semiconductor industry, creating high paying family wage jobs

▶ **Human Dignity in Housing & Homelessness**

- Support housing development goal of 36,000 units yearly
- Tax deduction for renting room(s) in taxpayer's primary residence - **HB 3032**
- Allow local governments to amend urban growth boundaries to include lands to be used for needed housing - **SB 656**
- Financing for infrastructure/predevelopment costs for moderate income housing - **SB 534**
- Expand affordability for Oregon renters with additional tax incentives - **SB 435**
- Ensure funding for mental health services are being disbursed effectively - **SB 300**
- Recriminalize possession/distribution of hard drugs i.e. Fentanyl - **SB 735**

▶ **Promoting Freedom & Prosperity for All Oregonians**

- Require approval by majority of Senate of any reprieve, commutation, or pardon - **SJR 11**
- Durational limitations on declarations of emergency by Governor - **SJR 14**
- Require all executive clemency actions by Governor be initiated by application and follow specific procedures - **SB 667**
- Impeachment process for statewide elected executive branch officials - **SJR 13**
- State employees cannot be reimbursed for travel to/from Oregon when living outside of Oregon - **LC 3697**
- Protect free and fair elections

▶ **Modernizing Oregon's Education System, Empowering Parents & Students**

- Increase virtual public charter school cap to 5% - **SB 707**
- Allow students to enroll in any public school - **SB 259**
- Curriculum transparency - **HB 2628**
- Nontraditional pathways to licensure for prospective career and technical education teachers - **SB 677**
- Pilot program to provide funding to school districts to increase access to schools by homeless students and improving academic achievement - **SB 658**

▶ **Reducing Violent Crime Threatening Our Communities**

- Support Oregonians' 2nd Amendment rights
- Increase funding for school resource officers - **SB 639, HB 2223**
- Reclassify crime of Violent Felon in Possession of a Firearm as crime category 8 - **SB 650**
- Create crime of threatening to commit a terroristic act - **SB 664**
- Create crime of controlled substances homicide - **SB 649**
- Stricter sentencing for criminals whose assault causes life changing injury - **SB 430**
- Increase statute of limitations for rape crime to 20 years - **LC 3892**

▶ **Protecting Oregon's Farms, Fisheries, & Forests**

- \$50 million to Dept. of Forestry for increased forest managing operations in specified wildfire-prone counties - **SB 653**
- Require State Forester to actively manage state forestlands to achieve/maintain low forest fuel load levels - **SB 665**
- Study rate impacts of implementing reduction of greenhouse gas emissions required by House Bill 2021 (2021) - **SB 681**
- Protect natural gas use in new or existing residential or commercial buildings - **SB 647**
- Remove requirement that State Forestry Department oversee development of statewide map of wildfire risk - **SB 654**
- Federal agencies to better prevent, mitigate, and suppress wildfires - **SJM 3**
- Ensure offshore wind energy development goes to local and regional communities while promoting electric grid reliability and resilience - **SB 678**
- Include forest land sequestration in greenhouse gas emissions calculations - **SB 724**
- Prioritize Oregon made/grown products, minimizing carbon footprint



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