



Oregon Legislature 2017

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But first,













Courthouse: final state funding!



\$92.6 Million to complete
the downtown courthouse



The 2017 Oregon Legislature

- Legislature faced a \$1.6 billion deficit
- “It was the best of times and it was the worst of times.”
- Adjourned Sine Die July 7, 2017



Transportation

A \$5.3 billion package



Provider tax preserves Medicaid



- Large deficit projected early in session.
- New tax on providers filled large part of the gap.
- Critical to mental health and other services.

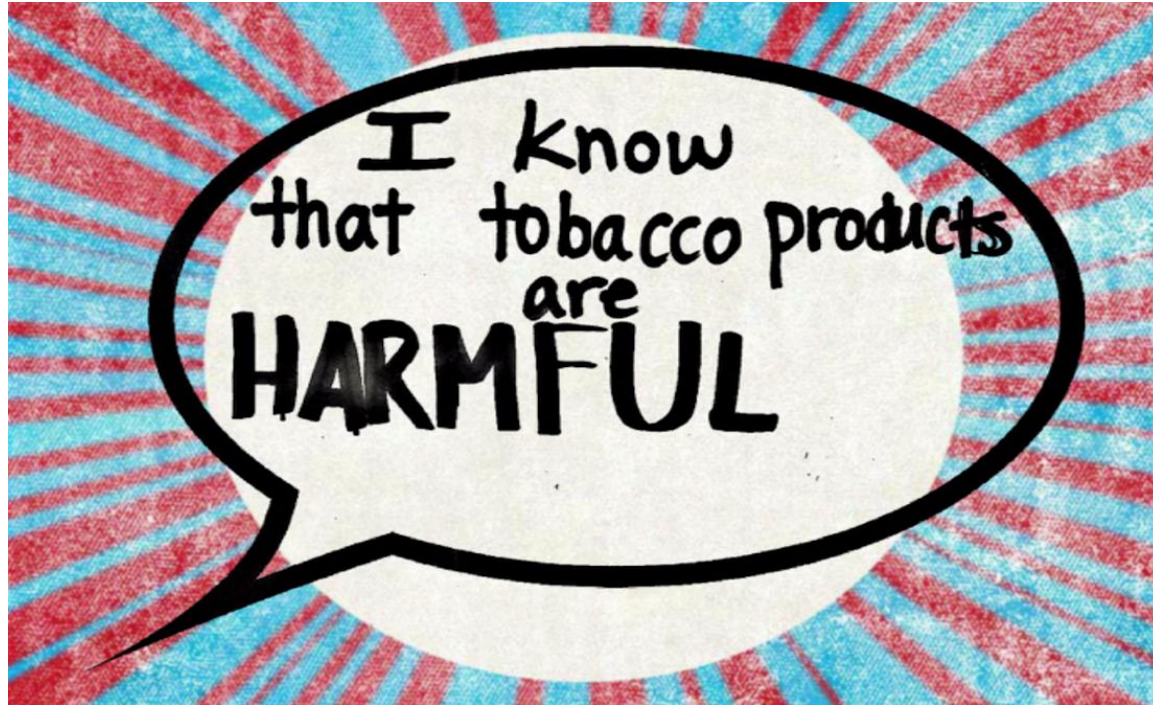


Major progress on health, equity and public safety issues

- Tobacco
- Opiates
- Health coverage for immigrant children
- Privacy rights for immigrant families
- Reproductive rights
- Gun safety
- Work schedules
- Justice reinvestment and evidence-based sentencing



Tobacco



Legal age to purchase tobacco in Oregon was raised to 21



Improving Opiate Outcomes

- Removed Naloxone training requirements
- Eliminated pre-auth requirements for 30 days of treatment
- Allowed clients on addiction treatment meds in drug court
- Increased oversight on opioid prescribing



Reducing gun deaths



Extreme Risk Protection Orders will allow family members or law enforcement to seek a court order removing guns.



Increased support for families



- SB 558 provides healthcare to all children regardless of immigration status
- HB 3464 protects the privacy of immigrant families



Gender equity advances



Insurance plans must provide full range of reproductive health services.



Employee work schedules



SB 828 requires certain employers to provide more notice of changes in work schedules



Public Safety

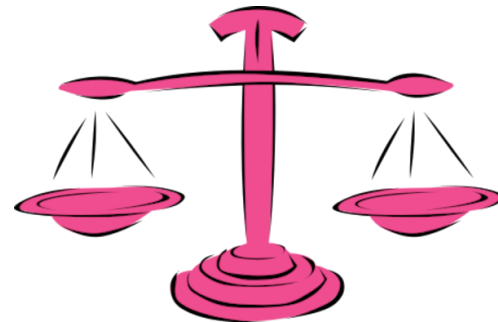


Full funding for Justice Reinvestment (\$40M statewide) and community corrections



Public Safety Advances

- Expanded eligibility for Family Sentencing Alternatives
- Extended transitional leave from 90 to 120 days
- Reduced drug possession from a felony to a misdemeanor
- Reduced sentence for 1st degree theft and identity theft
- Racial profiling data collected
- \$7M allocated for alternatives to prison



Housing



- Funds for shelter and emergency housing (EHA/SHAP) were increased in base budget by \$20M



Health & Human Services Budget



- Oregon Project Independence
- Developmental disability services
- Mental health



More Work to Be Done

- Clean our air
- Enact Tobacco Retail Licensure
- Increase tobacco tax and tax for e-cigs
- Continue work on opiate addiction
- Enact corporate tax reform
- Strengthen laws around background checks and domestic violence issues.
- Strengthen housing protections including local rent control and no-cause evictions regulations.



A good session for Multnomah County

It was a team effort:

- Commissioners
- Department staff
- Community partners



