

2012 State and Federal Legislative Agenda

Government Relations Office

Oregon Lay of the Land



- ▶ Democratic Governor
- ▶ 30-30 House
- ▶ 16-14 Senate
- ▶ Election year – control of both chambers up for grabs
- ▶ Revenue shortfall

2012 State Legislative Session

- ▶ February 1 – February 29 (*target Sine Die*)
- ▶ Primary focus will be on the Budget
- ▶ Bill Limits
 - Each member is allowed 2 bills
 - Each Committee is allowed 5 bills
 - Governor is allowed 5 bills
 - Judicial Branch is allowed 5 bills

State Budget: What to Expect



- ▶ Agencies will not get back 3.5% (\$310 M)
- ▶ Next forecast likely down another \$100 M
- ▶ Ending balance at \$169 M
- ▶ Negotiations on: cuts, size of ending balance

State Legislative Principles

- ▶ Support local control of taxes and revenues.
- ▶ Oppose legislation that preempts local authority.
- ▶ Support targeted budget cuts that minimize the impact on local programs and services.
- ▶ Support government transformation initiatives while ensuring local interests are protected.

State Policy Priorities

- ▶ Court Facilities
 - East County Court furnishings
 - Funding for county court facilities
- ▶ Early Learning Council
- ▶ Oregon Investment Act
- ▶ Update Election Law

State Policy Priorities

- ▶ Health
 - Health Transformation
 - HIV Testing
 - Overdose Prevention
- ▶ Human Trafficking
- ▶ Shared Revenue
- ▶ Property Taxes
- ▶ Wapato Jail

State Budget Priorities

► Health

- Adult Dental
- STD/HIV Funding
- Communicable Disease
- Healthy Start/Healthy Families

State Budget Priorities

▶ Human Services

- Mental Health Crisis Services
- Senior Programs
- Developmentally Disabled Case Managers
- Family Support – TANF, Daycare

State Budget Priorities

▶ Public Safety

- Community Corrections
- Gang Intervention
- Juvenile Diversion and Basic Services

▶ Transportation

- Secure unspent JTA funds for Sellwood Bridge

2012 Federal Agenda



- ▶ Lay of the Land in DC
- ▶ Big Picture Agenda
- ▶ Oregon Delegation
- ▶ Review Policy Priorities
- ▶ Grants/Funding Opportunities

Congress: Lay of the Land 2012

- ▶ Presidential election year
- ▶ Shortens calendar
- ▶ Every decision/issue will be more political
- ▶ Policy disagreements between House and Senate will be huge hurdle to passing appropriations bills

Big Picture Agenda

- ▶ FY 2013 appropriations bills
- ▶ Surface transportation and FAA reauthorization
- ▶ Long term fix on payroll tax
- ▶ Reauthorization of the Farm Bill
- ▶ Deficit reduction – what's next now that Supercommittee has failed

Oregon Delegation Strengths

- ▶ **Transportation Reauthorization**
(DeFazio and Merkley both in key positions)
- ▶ **Tax Issues** (Wyden and Blumenauer both on respective Finance/Ways and Means)
- ▶ **Small Business/Farm Bill** (Schrader)
- ▶ **Energy** (Wyden)
- ▶ **House Leadership** (Walden is senior member of House Leadership team)

Federal Policy Priorities

- ▶ Promote a balanced approach to deficit reduction
- ▶ Eliminate federal health benefit “inmate exception”
- ▶ Strengthen nutrition and food programs in Farm Bill Reauthorization

Federal Policy Priorities

- ▶ Expand opportunities for deployment of electric vehicles
- ▶ Transportation reauthorization
- ▶ Combat human trafficking
- ▶ Maintain federal-state-local partnership on Medicaid and social services

Federal Funding Partnerships

▶ Grant Opportunities

- Health Care Innovation Challenge Grant
- Southeast Clinic Expansion
- Community Transformation
- Financial and Elder Abuse

Block Grants

- ▶ Community Development Block Grant
- ▶ Community Services Block Grant
- ▶ Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program