



Coalition of
Communities of
Color



2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

- **Food for All Oregonians (SB 610):** Help all Oregonians put food on the table, no matter their immigration status, by creating an inclusive state-funded food assistance program.
 - **Oregon Kids' Credit (HB 3235):** Provides low-income families with a \$1,200 refundable state tax credit per child, reducing poverty for children of color and increasing financial stability.
 - **Oregon Individual Development Accounts Initiative:** Build financial stability for Oregonians with lower incomes by allocating \$35 million in funding for matched savings accounts.
 - **Child Care (HB 3027, HB 2991, HB 3029, HB 3005, SB 599, and HB 2727):** Increase affordability and access, support workforce development, and create child care infrastructure and facilities so every family in Oregon has access to affordable care.
 - **Race & Ethnicity Data Collection on Income Tax Forms (SB 1):** Allow taxpayers to self-identify race and ethnicity on tax forms to help us understand racial inequities in our revenue system.
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HOUSING

- **Eviction Reform & Reduction (SB 799):** Help renters stay in their homes by establishing reasonable timelines for tenants to pay off their rent and access rent assistance.
 - **Reasonable Rent (SB 611 and HB 2733):** Make housing more affordable by limiting rent increases to 3% plus inflation or 8%, whichever is lower; closing loopholes exempting new development; and increasing the amount of relocation assistance required in no-fault evictions.
 - **Rental Market Data (HB 3169):** Help communities understand and address housing needs by developing a statewide registry of rental units.
 - **Rent Assistance Budget Resources:** \$100 million in funding for culturally specific programs and community action agencies to provide emergency rent assistance.
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ADVANCING DEMOCRACY

- **Ranked Choice Voting (HB 2004):** Give voters more meaningful choices by allowing them to rank candidates in order of preference for statewide and federal elections, and create opportunities for local communities to adopt ranked choice voting.
- **Guaranteeing the Right to Vote (SB 579):** Fulfill Oregon's promise of an inclusive democracy by guaranteeing the right to vote for people impacted in the criminal legal system.
- **Opportunity to Serve (SB 786):** Enable more underrepresented community leaders to serve in the Oregon State Legislature by tying legislators' compensation to average Oregon wage estimates.
- **Equitable Workgroups for Equitable Outcomes (HB 2650):** Center voices of impacted people in policy-making by requiring workgroups and task forces to have more inclusive representation.

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EDUCATION

- **Prepare Educators to Teach Ethnic Studies:** Support K–12 teachers in implementing Oregon’s new ethnic studies standards, enriching all students’ learning with a more inclusive curriculum.
- **Standardize Student Race & Ethnicity Data Collection (HB 3288):** Close racial disparities in education by improving & standardizing how school districts collect students’ race & ethnicity data.
- **Success for Pacific Islander Students (HB 3144):** Create a Pacific Islander Student Success Plan to set our education system on a path toward supporting all students.

CRIMINAL LEGAL REFORM

- **In Defense of Humanity - Public Defense Funding (SB 413 and SB 817):** Provide people of all backgrounds with their constitutional right to legal representation by facilitating debt forgiveness for public defenders and creating new public defender positions. Reduce workload and eliminate backlog for trials by creating a pathway for low-level or non-violent crimes to be dealt with by alternative forms of sentencing approved by a judge, such as counseling or community service.
- **Consistency in Supervision (SB 581):** Require supervising officers provide quarterly updates to eligible people on supervision on their progress toward earning reduction in supervision, supporting their success.
- **Invest in Victims’ Healing & Gun Violence Prevention:** Fund the Healing Hurt People program that provides immediate support to survivors of intentional trauma such as gunshot or stab wounds, connect them with supports, and prevent retaliation.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- **Green Infrastructure Equity (HB 3016):** Allocate funding to support green infrastructure projects and workforce development to address climate change and build community resilience.
- **Community Benefiting Water Infrastructure Funding:** Create readily-accessible grants for underserved communities and boost workforce development for community-benefiting infrastructure projects that improve water quality and affordability.
- **Renewable Energy & Transmission Siting Reform (HB 2989):** Address the challenges and opportunities of Oregon’s energy siting system to ensure that communities and tribal governments have a strong voice in the process as we develop renewable projects.
- **Climate Resilience Hubs (HB 2990):** Build resilient communities across Oregon by establishing new resource & service hubs to support climate preparedness, emergency response, & disaster recovery.

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