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"I'm only as effective as I am informed and I am only informed when you are engaged."

Neighbors -

Keeping our neighbors informed and involves in Salem is one of my top priorities. In fact, I rank this as a higher priority than the legislative functions traditionally associated with our office. I simply cannot be an effective legislator if I don't hear from you ... And equally as important, our shared advocacy in Salem is less effective when your voice isn't also heard. Thanks to constituents like you, I have one of the largest and most active Facebook communities in the state legislature. Last year, we had five townhalls spread around his

large and geographically diverse district and I put on 30,000 miles on my car connecting with people in every corner of House District 59. I'm truly grateful for all the stories I've heard on the road and look forward to connecting with more of you in the future. But we can always do better and try to do more to reach our neighbors in new and creative ways.



This is our first electronic newsletter, I'd love to hear from you with your thoughts and suggestions on content for the future. As you can see from our office themes, I'm really looking for ways to engage WITH you and ... to bring in active participants within the political process. In the future, look for columns that dive into major conversations in Salem and some of our bill concepts. Also expect, a rollout of some of our efforts to engage the next generation in civic involvement. I am truly humbled to have this job ... but I recognize that it's greater than this moment. For House District 59 to carry on the strong traditions of leadership, it needs active citizens and a new generation of students passionate about politics policy. Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter and for being an active participant in the political process.

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Sincerely,



Daniel Bonham
State Representative

Joint Carbon Hits the Road

I am so pleased to inform you that the Joint Carbon Reduction Committee will be leaving Salem and reaching out to communities around the state to allow for you to participate in the discussion. This is an important step in driving forward toward the best environmental policy in the state of Oregon. By allowing rural Oregon to have a voice in the process, we can raise awareness of local challenges and articulate our needs from any potential legislation. I hope you will take the time to engage with us in this process. We look forward to your involvement.

March 1st

**Joint Committee on Carbon - Cap and Trade
Rural Hearings**

The Dalles Civic Auditorium
Community Room 12:00pm-3:00pm

March 2nd

**Joint Committee on Carbon - Cap and Trade
Rural Hearings**

Central Oregon Community College
Cascade Hall, Room 246-248 9:00am-12:00pm



Our legislative effort in 2019 is an ambitious one. From larger concepts, like fixing Oregon's school personal records loophole ... To smaller concepts, like improving land transferring within the highly successful Deschutes Forest Collaborative, or studying news ways that we can conserve valuable water resources. While many of our drafted concepts have been amended into larger legislative efforts, I wanted to take a moment to highlight a few of our legislative priorities in 2019. In future newsletters, I'll highlight individual concepts and talk about their progress in building.





HB 2892 - Allows student to wear dress uniform issued by Armed Forces of United States during high school graduation ceremony if certain conditions are met.

HB 2175 - Removes restriction on maximum number of hours that certain employers may require or permit employees to work in single workweek.

HB 2237 - Creates income tax credit for operation costs of housing for agricultural workers.

HB 2315 - Modifies provisions regarding division of land by eliminating purchase requirement when land is acquired by provider of public parks or open space, or by not-for-profit land conservation organization.

HB 2819 - Requires Water Resources Department to establish pilot program to make conserved Columbia River water available to holder of water right in critical ground water area in exchange for holder reducing appropriation of ground water.

HB 2115 - Directs Department of Human Services to report information regarding prescription of psychotropic medications to children in foster care.

HB 2222 - Requires State Forestry Department to annually report to Legislative Assembly or interim committee regarding development, implementation and administration of Oregon Forestland-Urban Interface Fire Protection Act.

HB 2317 - Designates May of each year as ALS Awareness Month.

HB 2327 - Relating to safe schools to learn.

HB 2503 - Directs Office of Emergency Management to study and make recommendations regarding funding of search and rescue operations.

HB 2673 - Directs Department of Education to create Oregon Educational Support Professional of Year Program.

HB 2916 - Expands transitional housing accommodations allowed inside urban growth boundary to include all recreational structures.

HB 2952 - Establishes new subaccount within State Forestry Department Account.

HB 2953 - Requires State Forestry Department to report to committee of Legislative Assembly regarding environmental and employment impacts of Good Neighbor Authority Agreement projects funded in whole or in part by moneys made available to department for project purposes.

HB 3012 - Directs Department of Human Services to conduct study that identifies ways to improve foster care system in this state and present report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to human services on or before September 15, 2019.

HB 3013 - Provides tuition and fee remission for natural child of foster parent if natural child attends institution of higher education. Bases remission percentage on aggregate number of years foster parent provided foster home to one or more foster children.

HB 3014 - Modifies crime of assault in the first degree to include intentionally or knowingly causing permanent physical injury to another person. Requires mandatory minimum sentence of 300 months' imprisonment upon conviction.

HB 3015 - Permits former adopted foster children to have amount of tuition and all fees waived if attending defined institutions of higher education for purposes of pursuing initial undergraduate degree.

HB 3046 - Requires Oregon Department of Administrative Services to include tribal boundaries on any legislative district maps department produces.

HB 3047 - Modifies juvenile court dependency procedure to require any party issuing summons to bear financial responsibility for certain costs arising out of issuance of summons.

SB 155 - Requires all investigations involving suspected abuse or sexual conduct by school employees to be conducted by Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

SB 448 - Directs Office of Outdoor Recreation to study and make recommendations on development of Oregon Outdoors Pass.



February 22nd

Senator Ron Wyden Town hall

10:30am Madras Performing Arts Center
412 Buff Street, Madras OR

February 24th

Senator Jeff Merkley Town hall

Mitchel School
340 SE High St
Mitchell, OR 97750

March 15th

Congressman Greg Walden Town hall

11:15am The Dalles Civic Auditorium
Community Center
323 E 4th Street
The Dalles, OR



Central Oregon Community College comes to the Capitol.

Jefferson County Commissioners on AOC Lobby Day





Passionate advocates make the process!

Politics is about relationships. I truly appreciate the effort and integrity that my colleagues bring to the building.



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