

Washington County Democrats

Legislative Action Items

2024-2025 Unprioritized

1. We support legislation that strongly reduces the negative impacts that server farms have on developable land, energy usage, and water resources.
2. We support regional efforts to apply available tax resources to the continued construction of housing units that will be available to those needing rental assistance.
3. We support regulatory and statutory efforts on the part of the county and housing authorities to adapt housing strategies to encourage home ownership and the creation of generational wealth.
4. We support Metro rules and policies that encourage local efforts to reduce waste and enhance programs for reuse and recycling.
5. We support legislation that gives regional transportation planning a greater and clearly defined voice in planning for funding, diversion management, systems integration, and safety enhancement strategies.
6. We support the passage of the Wildlife Omnibus Bill HB 4148 to reduce conflicts and promote coexistence between humans and wildlife through outreach, education, and training, support for legally permitted wildlife rehabilitators, and other work related to living with wildlife.
7. We support SB 1572, the extension of WES to Salem
8. We support legislation to allow collective bargaining for farm workers
9. We support the creation of an adequate and dedicated state fund to develop and operate intercity transportation for the public, bus and rail, connecting communities, urban and rural.
10. We support the extension of Zoo bonding (at a lower rate) to modernize old habitats, promote additional conservation and conservation education, and to complete the Zoo's energy and water conservation programs.
11. We will support a regional tolling program only if it ensures regional and economic equity, transportation equity, provides mechanisms and funding to manage diversion and congestion, can demonstrate ability to provide sustainable funding for operation and maintenance of the regional system, and is not burdened with excessive administration costs.
12. We support legislation that provides infrastructure funding for economic developments that enhance our technology sector and that provide living wage employment opportunities.
13. We support the passage of HB 4002 to update Measure 110.
14. We support the repeal of Article 15 Section 5a of the Oregon constitution, which defines marriage as between a man and a woman
15. We oppose language that bypasses Oregon Land Use Act processes in SB 1537.