

# **House Speaker Dave Hunt (House District 40, Clackamas County) 2009 Legislative Session**

## **Bills sponsored by Representative Hunt:**

### **HB 2001 -- Jobs & Transportation Act**

Invests \$300 million every year in Oregon's state, county, and city transportation systems. Creates thousands of new construction jobs, reduces bottlenecks for commuters, improves safety, builds new multi-modal connections across the state and vastly improves freight mobility. Also invests \$100 million in multi-modal transportation infrastructure.

**Status:** House & Senate passed and Governor signed July 29, 2009.

### **HB 2002 – Increasing Funding for Education**

Increases the annual Common School Fund distribution to 5% of the three year rolling average (an increase from the previous sliding scale of 2% to 5%). Results in larger, more dependable annual payments to Oregon's school districts – especially during recessions -- while still conservatively managing the principal of the fund.

**Status:** Oregon State Land Board agreed to adopt this policy directly.

### **HB 2011 – Seniors and Community Colleges**

Allows Oregon citizens 65 years of age and older to audit community college and university courses for free.

**Status:** House & Senate passed and Governor signed June 18, 2009.

### **HB 2012 – State Aide to Local Schools for Building Projects**

Permanently transfers all unspent lottery dollars (a.k.a. "lottery ending balance") to the Capital Matching Subaccount. Uses the 2007-09 lottery ending balance to fund the Oregon School Facilities Task Force outlined in HB 2013. Gives the state its first ongoing source of revenue for helping local districts with capital projects.

**Status:** House & Senate passed and Governor signed August 4, 2009.

### **HB 2013 – Oregon School Facilities Task Force**

Creates the Oregon School Facilities Task Force to develop a range of plans for a thorough analysis of school facilities needs in every Oregon school district. Will report back to the next Legislature with several options for accomplishing the goals set out by HB 2013.

**Status:** House & Senate passed and Governor signed July 22, 2009.

### **HB 2014 – Fixes Construction Excise Tax Issues**

Makes several administrative changes to the Construction Excise Tax that was established by the Legislature in 2007. Requires local governments to collect the CET – certain local governments had previously refused to do so. Exempts nonprofit senior living centers from the CET. Allows local governments to retain up to 4% of the proceeds to pay for the administrative costs of collecting the tax.

**Status:** House & Senate passed and Governor signed June 25, 2009.

### **HB 2485 – Helping Unincorporated Areas**

Empowers unincorporated areas. Requires that, in an election proposing annexation, majority approval from both the annexing city and the territory to be annexed be counted separately to determine separate majorities. Separate approval from both the city and the territory to be annexed is required.

**Status:** Died in House Land Use Committee.

### **HB 2495 – Protecting SAIF Workers Compensation System**

Implements agreement between SAIF Corporation and Liberty Northwest, resolving long-standing lawsuits that jeopardized Oregon's successful workers comp system.

**Status:** House & Senate passed and Governor signed April 1, 2009.

### **HB 2531 – Professional Soccer in Oregon**

Directs state income tax revenues from salaries of Major League Soccer players and executives toward construction of MLS stadium in Portland. The amount of the stadium grant would be limited to \$5 million. No cost to General Fund or Lottery Fund.

**Status:** Passed by House, died in Senate Rules Committee.

### **HB 2569 – Honorary Consuls**

Allows honorary consuls living in Oregon to continue using special *Official Consular Corps* license plates after a previous inadvertent law change outlawed them.

**Status:** House & Senate passed and Governor signed June 26, 2009.

### **HB 2584 – Consumer Protection**

Allows plaintiff to bring antitrust lawsuit if they are an indirect purchaser in supply chain.

**Status:** House & Senate passed and Governor signed June 17, 2009.

### **HB 2588 – National Popular Vote**

Allows the President of the United States to be elected by national popular vote (rather than electoral college). Enters Oregon into an interstate agreement stipulating that all of Oregon's electoral votes will go to the candidate who wins the national popular vote. This agreement does not take effect until a majority of states join.

**Status:** Passed by House, died in Senate Rules Committee.

### **HB 2672 – Protecting Kids from Smokeless Tobacco**

Changes method of taxation for smokeless tobacco to decrease youth access. Currently taxed at 6% of the retail value, HB 2672 taxes smokeless tobacco at \$1.78 per ounce. Also restricts the distribution of free samples of smokeless tobacco

**Status:** House & Senate passed and Governor signed July 16, 2009.

### **HB 2790 – DPSST Changes**

Makes changes to the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training. Adds non-management positions to the board and removes Department of Forestry position.

**Status:** House & Senate passed and Governor signed June 26, 2009.

### **HB 2924 – Helping Low Income Families Buy Local Produce**

Funds the Farm Direct Nutrition Program. Provides vouchers to low income seniors and families with young children for purchasing locally grown fresh produce at Oregon farmer's markets.

**Status:** Increased funding for farmer's market vouchers included in broader funding bill.

### **HB 2992 – Emergency Unemployment Benefits**

Provides emergency unemployment insurance benefits to individuals who have exhausted their regular benefits.

**Status:** Legislature instead passed HB 3483 including similar provisions.

### **HB 3028 – Electric Vehicles**

Permits low-speed electric vehicles to travel on highways with a posted speed of 45 miles per hour or less.

**Status:** Legislature included these provisions in HB 2001.

### **HB 3056 – Urban Renewal Reform**

Implements a series of reforms to the use of urban renewal by local governments. Sets maximum indebtedness for urban renewal plans. Better protects funding for fire districts and other local service districts.

**Status:** House & Senate passed and Governor signed July 14, 2009.

### **HB 3246 – Insurance Reform**

Extends by three years deadline for self-insured school districts to begin OEBB comparability process.

**Status:** Died in House Rules Committee.

### **HB 3401 – PERS Reforms**

Allows local school districts to access excess earnings in PERS side accounts to offset employer contributions.

**Status:** House & Senate passed and Governor signed August 4, 2009.

### **HJR 13 – K-12 Capital Construction**

Constitutional Revision. Allows the state to issue bonds for loan or grant programs to local school districts to assist with/match costs for capital projects. Also broadens the constitutional definition of capital to allow districts to furnish and equip new school facilities with bond proceeds.

**Status:** House & Senate passed, referred to May 2010 ballot.

### **HJR 43 – Small Business Bill of Rights**

Indicates Legislative support for small businesses in Oregon, recognizing their valuable contribution to job creation and long term stability of our state.

**Status:** Passed by House and filed with Secretary of State June 11, 2009.

### **HR 1 – Honoring Congresswoman Darlene Hooley**

Honors Congresswoman Darlene Hooley for her achievements and service to Oregon.

**Status:** Passed by House and filed with Secretary of State March 27, 2009.

### **HR 2 – Honoring Rotary International**

Honors Rotary International on the occasion of its 104<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Status:** Passed by House and filed with Secretary of State February 23, 2009.

### **SB 786 – Oregon Workplace Religious Freedom Act**

Requires employers to reasonably accommodate religious practices of employees in the workplace. Allows employees to use vacation time, wear religious clothing, and take time off for a religious practice. Employers must reasonably accommodate unless accommodation causes an undue hardship.

**Status:** House & Senate passed and Governor signed July 16, 2009.