



## OREGON HOUSE REPUBLICANS

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### **WITH NEW YEAR APPROACHING, DEMOCRATS WANT OREGONIANS TO FORGET MUCH-NEEDED REFORMS**

*Popular 2007 Agenda Stifled by House Democrat Majority*

SALEM- While a number of bills will become law on January 1, 2008, Democrats would like Oregonians to forget the much-needed reforms they killed in 2007, which include:

- HB 2550** 6/20/07-House Democrats voted to kill the Republican plan to hire a legislative auditor to review the performance of state agencies and increase fiscal responsibility in state government.
- HB 2613** 6/19/07-House Democrats voted to kill bipartisan Chalkboard Project legislation to require independent state audits of school district finances.
- HB 3427** 6/19/07-House Democrats voted to kill legislation requiring that 65 cents of every education dollar be spent on classroom instruction.
- HB 3535** 5/8/07-House Democrats voted to kill the Republican plan to dedicate General Fund resources to the Oregon State Police, at funding levels to provide 24/7 Trooper coverage.
- HB 3429** 5/23/07-House Democrats voted to kill legislation to crack down on career criminals who repeatedly victimize Oregonians through property crime, ID theft and auto theft.
- SB 465** 6/25/07-House Democrats voted to kill legislation to protect consumers and businesses from employees under the influence of medical marijuana.
- HB 2861** 5/21/07-House Democrats voted to kill legislation to keep sex offenders out of communities without 24/7 police coverage.

“House Republicans will continue to fight for these much-needed reforms,” said House Republican Leader Bruce Hanna (R-Roseburg). “Oregonians shouldn’t have to wait two more years for education reform, 24/7 State Police coverage and other important public safety solutions.”

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