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**REP. WHISNANT HIGHLIGHTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
FROM FEBRUARY SESSION**

*Sunriver Representative Says Legislature Also Left Unfinished Business*

SALEM— Rep. Gene Whisnant (R-Sunriver) said he's pleased with the legislative accomplishments from the 2008 session, including funding for Oregon State Police, seniors programs and legislation to secure Oregon's driver's licenses. However, he noted there is unfinished business that will need to be addressed in the months ahead.

"I came into the session committed to addressing the most pressing policy and fiscal issues facing our state," Rep. Whisnant said. "We had several important accomplishments. Oregon is moving closer to 24/7 Trooper coverage, and our state has tougher licensing laws to combat ID theft and fraud. I also supported additional funding for Oregon Project Independence, which allows seniors to receive care in their own homes."

Rep. Whisnant also highlighted legislation to keep major meth dealers behind bars by increasing minimum bail amounts. The Legislature also passed a bill to protect Oregon homeowners facing foreclosure.

However, Rep. Whisnant said the Legislature also left unfinished business.

"The Legislature failed to address 'secret deals' that allow physically and sexually abusive teachers to receive care in their own homes," Rep. Whisnant said. "We also failed to adequately address the sudden decline in state revenues, and the Legislature failed to pass the Republican plan to provide legislative auditing. I intend to focus on student safety and government accountability issues over the coming months and into the next session."

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