

## Legislative Priorities: 2019

### **We carry your voice where it needs to be heard.**

Oregon Business & Industry (OBI) advocates on behalf of a strong and healthy business climate in Oregon. With a member-driven focus, our government affairs team represents nearly 1,600 member-businesses in the state capitol, state and federal regulatory agencies, Congress, and the courts.

OBI is tracking policy developments in the following areas with special attention to legislation that impacts the business community.

### Education and Workforce Development Policies

OBI supports educational excellence, sound funding and meaningful accountability at all levels—from early learning through postsecondary education and workforce preparation.

- Early childhood investment and literacy efforts
- Career and technical education in schools
- Chronic absenteeism in schools
- Educator training and pipelines
- Postsecondary education
- Federal Career and Technical Education Act

### Employment Policies

OBI protects the right of employers to lawfully manage their workplaces.

- Paid family leave
- Manufacturing overtime
- Pay equity
- Drug-free workplace
- Private Attorney General Act
- Workers' compensation

### Energy and Environment Policies

OBI advocates for business interests and the advancement of environmental outcomes.

- Carbon policies
- Regulatory fees
- Biofuels, biomass and energy recovery
- Air permits and exceptional events
- Water permits
- Mercury and temperature regulation of rivers

### Health Care Policies

OBI promotes policies that affect the three most important principles of health care—quality, access and affordability.

- Medicaid funding
- OEBC/PEBB cost containment

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### Fiscal Policies

OBI promotes a vibrant, sustainable and competitive economy through private-sector expansion and job creation.

- Business activity tax or gross receipts tax
- PERS reform
- Business property tax increases
- Corporate rate increases
- Corporate minimum tax increase
- Worldwide reporting and reintroduction of tax havens
- Corporate disclosure
- Pass-through tax increases

### Retail Policies

OBI promotes policies and laws that maintain and advance a strong retail climate in Oregon that contributes to a robust, sustainable and competitive economy.

- Unlawful Trade Practices Act
- Consumer privacy: Data breach; Internet of things
- Tax policy targeting retailers
- Packaging bans
- Age restrictions for gun purchases

### Court Modernization

- Investment in modernization and renovation of Oregon courts

### About Oregon Business & Industry

Oregon Business & Industry is Oregon's largest statewide business association. We serve our member businesses with programs and services to assist in their success while working to sustain a strong and vibrant Oregon.

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