

Reaffirmed Policies

These policies that were scheduled to sunset were reaffirmed by the delegates. Resolution titles correspond to section headings in the *Oregon State Grange Legislative Policies* handbook.

ED #5: Schools

- The Oregon State Grange supports **higher nutritional foods and drinks** in Oregon Public Schools.
- We support the adoption of a **closed campus** structure by all school districts.
- The Oregon State Grange supports strong and appropriate discipline of students, after thorough investigation, for incidents involving **threats of violence** and weapons in or on the school grounds or buildings.
- We seek adequate funding of our **Land Grant Colleges**. Also we ask the Governor of Oregon, and the leadership at Oregon State University, Oregon's only Land Grant College, to continue positive emphasis on a curriculum for an agricultural major.
- The Oregon State Grange seeks to require schools to notify parents or guardian of the **absence** of their child from school by noon.

ED #6: Subjects Taught in Schools

- The Oregon State Grange is in favor of re-instituting a course of study that includes arts and music, as well as fundamentals and vocational subjects.
- The Oregon State Grange believes that students have the right to voluntary **reference to God**, and voluntary non-sectarian prayer should be permitted in schools.
- We favor any legislation that provides state support for **vocational education**, and we encourage federal funding for these programs.
- The Oregon State Grange strongly supports **vocational agricultural programs**, and we oppose any reduction of agricultural science and technology programs in Oregon high schools.
- The Oregon State Grange supports teaching the accomplishments and **contributions of the Grange** when presenting the history of our state and country.
- We urge all high schools to provide **Driver Education** at an appropriate funding level as part of their educational program and will work to get legislative funding for schools that provide Driver Ed courses.

ED #7: US Flag, Anthem, and Pledge of Allegiance

- The Oregon State Grange favors having the **Pledge of Allegiance** maintained as a part of each school day's proceedings, and infuse the meaning of this pledge when appropriate.

EE #3: Chemicals, Toxins, and Waste Disposal

- The Oregon State Grange supports strict enforcement of laws regarding **release of hazardous/toxic chemical** substance and containers. Also, we believe it is the industries' responsibility to ensure that adequate processing is in place to dispose of and neutralize pollutants.
- The Oregon State Grange resolves to work toward educating the public on the dangers of producing chlorine **bleached paper products**. We will work with the Oregon Legislature to encourage companies that produce paper products to stop chlorine bleaching.

EE #4: DEQ Regulations

- We believe that fire departments should have authority to issue **burning permits** within their respective districts. If there is no fire department, we believe there should be some appointed authority that knows the areas' needs to issue these permits.

EE #5: Endangered Species Act

- The Oregon State Grange favors reauthorization of an amended Endangered Species Act (ESA) that creates a priority for the economic health of communities and the **preservation of all native species**. We believe that the decision on declaring any species endangered should be made on science that has been peer-reviewed by the National Science Foundation.

EE #6: Preservation and Management of Our Environment

- We oppose experiments with **altered bacteria** in an open environment. We recommend that no experiments of this kind be allowed unless they can be scientifically proven safe.
- We support legislation that requires the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop an **economic, environmental and societal impact statement**; hold hearings and provide for written and oral comments when any fish or mammal species is introduced or reintroduced into any area of the State of Oregon.
- The Oregon State Grange supports efforts to help the US commercial fishermen who are adversely affected by **restrictive regulations**.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes any effort to limit the methods of controlling vermin, predator, birds and fur bearing animals including the **banning of traps**.

EE #7: Recycling

- The Oregon State Grange supports the **Oregon Bottle Bill**. We recognize the positive effect it has had on our ecology and communities. The Grange continues to work with the Oregon Legislature to pass an additional bill that would include all drink containers sold in Oregon,
- The Oregon State Grange supports the formulation of legislation that bans all **non-biodegradable** materials used by restaurants as packaging for take-out foods.
- The Oregon State Grange will work with the Legislature to make **recycling mandatory** for all public and private agencies, institutions and industries.
- The Oregon State Grange encourages curbside recycling agencies, and private agencies, institutions, and industries to **accept plastics** along with other recyclables.

FA #3: Congress, Judges, and the President of the United States

- The Oregon State Grange is in favor of a **limited term of office** for US Senators and Representatives, to a maximum of 12 years for each of these offices.
- The Oregon State Grange urges Oregon members of Congress to sponsor or co-sponsor legislation that would give our President **line-item veto authority**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports retaining the provision in the Constitution to limit candidates for President to only "**natural born citizens**."
- The Oregon State Grange opposes all attempts by any and all legislative bodies to abridge the right of free US citizens to **keep and bear arms**.

- The Oregon State Grange supports judges who are on the record as defending the **right to keep and bear arms**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the **Writ of Habeas Corpus**.

FA #3: Federal Monetary Affairs

- The State Grange believes all **tax loopholes** that allow large companies to receive subsidies, federal credits and guarantees should be halted.

FA #5: Federal Services – Social Security

- The State Grange opposes the taxation of an individual's **Social Security** income. We believe that monies funded for Social Security should not be used for any purpose other than retirement payments. We ask that every commitment to Americans, who qualify for Social Security and Medicare, be kept in good faith, and that Social Security benefits be restored to all American born in "**notch years**" (after 1916).
- The Oregon State Grange supports the **Notch Fairness Act**.
- We urge the Congress of the US to protect our **Social Security and Medicare** programs. Further there should not be reductions in the cost of living increases for Social Security in order to help reduce the deficit. Also, any person who works after becoming eligible for Social Security payments should still receive his full payments regardless of the amount that he earns and should not be penalized by having Social Security payments cut.
- We will work toward a change in calculating the **percentage of pay increases** for Social Security recipients so that they benefit all citizens on an equal dollar basis.
- The State Grange of Oregon supports legislation to make the Social Security Administration an **independent agency** and thus remove their trust funds from all deficit calculations. This will ensure the trust funds would only be used to pay Social Security benefits.

FA #6: Foreign and Domestic Services

- The Oregon State Grange supports establishing a **Civilian Work Organization** to provide training and job opportunities for those individuals who are eligible for public assistance. Such job opportunities could be developed within public programs such as forestry, parks, and recreation.
- Many foreign countries do not recognize or obey **International Laws**, putting American citizens' safety and lives in jeopardy. The Oregon State Grange favors cutting off all US aid and supplies to countries that take American citizens as hostages or kill them. We also favor the repeal of any aid to countries that refuse to recognize International Law, or allow a take-over of U.S embassies or any property belonging to the U.S. Government.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the stand of the American Legion and the VFW on the return of **POWs and MIAs** so they can once again be united with their families and loved ones.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes any and all attempts to impose taxation of the citizens of the United States by the **United Nations** or any other international body.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes any effort to subject the citizens of the United States to a **one-world government** (such as the United Nations) that does not maintain and guarantee to the people of the United States the same rights, freedoms and protections guaranteed by our current Constitution. Any such change would be considered an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which must be submitted to the states and the people of the United States of America for approval.

FA #7: National Elections and Electoral College

- The Oregon State Grange and the National Grange shall work for passage of a law to prevent announcing (releasing) any returns until all **polls** in the United States **have closed**.
- The State Grange supports the continued change over to the **Metric System**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports a measure to prohibit the giving or selling of **personal information** by the Internal Revenue Service or tax preparers.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation permitting law enforcement agencies to report **individuals without proper documentation** to the proper federal authorities.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the **U.S. Constitution** and will oppose any Congressional effort to violate the Constitution.

FA #8: Postal Service

- The Oregon State Grange supported the continuation of the flow of **mail to rural areas**, preserving Monday through Saturday delivery.

FiA #3: Banking Institutions & Government Structures and Expenses

- We believe that no one should be allowed to request a **credit report** on any individual without the written permission of the individual involved.
- We oppose the elimination of **lottery funds** to county fairs and will seek to have these funds included in the budget approved by the Legislature.
- The Oregon State Grange seeks to provide an adequate and permanent source of funding for **county fairs** in Oregon.
- We support **no cuts** to county fair appropriations.

FiA #4: Taxes – Establishment, Collection, & Distribution

- The Oregon State Grange supports **local control** of land assessments. These controls to be handled by locally nominated and elected tax assessors.
- The Oregon State Grange supports reasonable **income and property taxes** that do not penalize the farmer, the homeowner, or those on fixed incomes.
- The State Grange believes that domestic property owners should be given the same privileges as foreign investors. They also should be given the right to use their local property taxes as a credit against federal and state **income taxes**.
- We support a tax credit of up to \$10,000 for a **first time home buyer**.
- We support **Tax Policy** that:
 1. Maintains agricultural and forestry property tax exemptions.
 2. Opposes any sales or transaction tax.
- The Oregon State Grange goes on record in strong opposition to the taxation of properties belonging to religious, fraternal, charitable or educational organizations, while these properties are being used for **non-profit** purposes. This would be in exception to their 'for profit' enterprises.
- We support a tax incentive program on **historical buildings** placed on the National Historic Register.

- The Oregon State Grange believes that state-wide tax issues should be voted on in a **general election** rather than a special election.
- The Oregon State Grange strongly opposes a **sales tax**.
- The Oregon State Grange believes efforts should be made to **reduce government spending** rather than creating new taxes.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation ensuring that all single land parcels over ten acres currently on the **tax rolls** cannot be removed without specific approval of the county in which the land is located and the State Legislature.
- The Oregon State Grange encourages the United States Congress to repeal the **federal death tax**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the Oregon "Kicker" Law.

HW #3: Controlling and Dispensing Food

- **Senior meal sites** are of primary importance to the elderly, not only for aid in giving them a balanced nutritional diet but also for the social contact. We therefore believe that revenue-sharing funds for this purpose should not be curtailed.

HW #4: Health Care and Health Care Providers

- We support the practice of allowing hospitals and emergency rooms to issue a prescription for short-term **handicapped parking permits**.
- We favor placing mentally deficient and emotionally disturbed children and adults in community-based residential or non-residential group or foster homes. This would be preferable to placement in state institutions and nursing homes. In **group or foster homes** these people have the chance to learn academic and vocational skills that they would not get otherwise.
- The Oregon State Grange supports any programs, as well as legislative efforts, that address the **rural health crisis**. We also support the Oregon Area Health Education Center, Office of Rural Health, and Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. We recognize and applaud all state and local efforts to recruit and retain rural health care providers.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes any legislation that would lower, to the age of 16, the end of a **parent's legal responsibilities** for raising their children.
- The Oregon State Grange supports permanent funding for **rural first responders**, EMT continuing education programs and the Mobile Training Unit of the Oregon Public Health Division.

HW #5: The Use of Alcoholic Beverages

- The Oregon State Grange stands in opposition to lowering the **legal drinking age** on alcoholic beverages. We are also opposed to any changes made in how alcoholic drinks are currently being dispensed, and we believe the OLCC and the OLCC liquor stores should be maintained. We ask that private business not be allowed to take control of this industry.
- We support legislation for tougher penalties against driving while under the influence of intoxicants (DUII). Also that injury and death resulting from this crime should carry the charge of assault with a deadly weapon; the offender will be held solely responsible for their crime, not sharing the liability with any third party.

- Finally to protect citizens and ease the burden of higher taxes raised to enforce the control of drunk driving and driving under the influence of legal and or illegal drugs, we support confiscation of vehicles and other materials used in drug and drunk driving incidents.

IN #1: Insurance Coverage and Settlements

- The Oregon State Grange (OSG) encourages the Oregon State Legislature and US Congress to remove the obstacles **acupuncture** has encountered with insurance coverage.
- The OSG encourages the Oregon State legislature and Oregon State Insurance Commission to include Parents-In-Need, who are members of a household in the “**List of Dependents.**”
- The OSG will work with members of the Oregon State Legislature to get the high cost of **liability insurance** and excessive settlements under control. This could be achieved by some or all of the following:
 - Reasonable limits on jury awards for non-economic damage
 - Liability should be assessed only in proportion to actual fault attributed to each negligent party, and a separate judgment rendered for that proportion.
- The OSG favors a change in **liability law** stating a person entering upon private property, property not used as a place of business, of their own free will, or engaged in any illegal activity assumes all accident liability.
- The OSG supports requiring insurance companies **pay claims** within 45 days of receiving properly completed forms and bills.
- The OSG requests the American Medical Association, hospital insurance, private insurance, workers' compensation insurance and state and federally funded insurance to discontinue the use or the term ‘**recreational drugs.**’

LE #2: Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H

- The members of the Oregon State Grange support the continued funding of an efficient effective **Cooperative Extension Service** at local and state levels.
- We also support ‘**on farm**’ **testing** by the Cooperative Extension Service as a method of evaluating and adapting research information to local areas.
- The **4-H program**, funded through the Extension Service, should be maintained even if the Extension Service is eliminated or its funds are severely cut. The 4-H program could be funded in a different manner if necessary.

LE #3: School Expenses and Funding Problems

- The State Grange strongly supports the use of a **graduated income tax** to finance schools. We also support a limitation on the amount of taxes that can be levied on real property. We will continue to look at alternative methods of school funding.
- We urge the State Legislature to provide funds for the continuation of the **Head Start Program.**

LE #4: Crime, Victims of Crime, Criminal Sentences, and Parole

- We resolve to work to have Oregon law changed to provide that when a criminal who has been convicted of a crime of violence is released from prison, paroled, furloughed, placed on work release, or moved from one prison to another the **victim** or close family member **shall be notified** well in advance of the date and time of such release.

- We ask that dangerously violent criminals be confined in prison to **serve** out their entire sentence **without parole** and those serving sentences for lesser crimes be required to make restitution for those crimes.
- We believe that **Parole Boards** should be restricted in their power as follows:
 1. Persons convicted of premeditated murder shall not be eligible for parole.
 2. Persons convicted of murder during the commission of another crime, or attempting to avoid apprehension, shall not be eligible for parole.
 3. Persons convicted of killing police officers or prison guards shall not be eligible for parole.
 4. No person shall be eligible for parole until he has served at least two-thirds of the sentence imposed by the court.
- The Oregon State Grange supports **child predators'** laws.
- We further believe that all convicted **sex offenders** shall be required to complete a sex offender treatment program before release on parole, or as a condition of any probation. Failure to complete a treatment program as ordered by the court will result in the immediate revocation of probation and/or parole and sentencing to the maximum term of imprisonment allowed under the law.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to not allow mental illness or incapacity because of the use of drugs or alcohol as a **defense for felony sexual crimes**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports listing public and private elementary schools, secondary schools, and licensed day care centers as places 'children are likely to be present' in determining where convicted **pedophiles** live.
- The Oregon State Grange supports laws prohibiting the act of willful, malicious, and repeated acts of following or **harassing** another person. The offender must present a credible threat of intent to place the person(s) in reasonable fear of death or great bodily harm.
- We continue to support Oregon **Stalking** laws.
- We support stricter punishment for **kidnapping**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports holding **minor children** accountable for their criminal acts.
- The Oregon State Grange favors legislation that would make it a felony, punishable by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and a jail sentence of 15 months or more for the theft of the **equipment used by handicapped persons**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to ensure that **convicted felons** are **not allowed voting privileges** while they are still incarcerated.

LE #5: Firearms

- The Oregon State Grange opposes actions that would interfere with the second amendment and our **freedom to keep guns** as personal private property. We oppose any legislation that restricts ownership of firearms, except restrictions imposed upon convicted felons.
- We support legislation that requires Courts to impose **maximum penalties**, without possibility of parole, on all persons convicted of using a firearm of any description, real or fake, in the commission of a felony.

LE #6: Police Officers, Corrections Officials, & Criminal Facilities

- The Oregon State Grange opposes budget cuts that would result in the reduction of the number of beds available to hold **serious juvenile offenders**.
- The Oregon State Grange lobbies for sufficient funding for the **Oregon Department of Corrections**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that protects **high value farm land** from being converted to prison sites.
- The Oregon State Grange favors a return to **dedicated funding for the Oregon State Police**.

LE #9: Miscellaneous Resolutions

- The Oregon State Grange supports allocating monies from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the **County Fair Account** equal to 1.2 percent of net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery for the purpose of carrying out the operations of county fairs, including the payment of administrative costs.
- The Oregon State Grange favors repeal of the \$80,000 income and the one-year-limit laws for placing a dwelling in an EFU zone if the property in question formerly contained a **habitable dwelling**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the elimination of the \$80,000 income requirement (and other arbitrary and unrealistic requirements) to qualify for a **farm dwelling** on land zoned EFU.
- We ask the State of Oregon to **reimburse juror mileage** at the federal standard.
- We resolve to join forces with other agencies in getting legislation enacted that would protect renters in **mobile home parks** and to support a state panel set up to mediate violations of these rental controls.
- The Oregon State Grange supports revisions to the **PERS system** that will maintain the system's viability into the future.
- The Oregon State Grange supports changes in statute or rule to allow an individual to accept a **stipend** from a non-profit organization in lieu of standard wages.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to regulate **payday loan interest rates**.

LE #10: Political Candidates, Ballot Measures, & Elections

- The Oregon State Grange supports holding the Oregon State **Presidential Primary** Election on the second Tuesday of March.
- The Oregon State Grange believes that all **ballot measures** should state their true meaning in clear, concise language. Also these measures should be written in a manner that a yes vote is to implement a measure and a no vote is to reject it.
- In the event the Legislature places a measure on a ballot that is similar to one placed on the ballot by **initiative petition**, the people's initiative will have priority and become law if a majority vote yes.
- We ask that all **legal signatures** collected for a petition be allowed if that petition is changed by the Secretary of State, or the courts, after the petition is approved for circulation.
- The Oregon State Grange will continue to work to retain and protect the **initiative petition process**.

- We will lobby for an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oregon that specifies for an initiative petition to pass it must be approved by a **majority vote in each of 2/3 of the counties** of Oregon.
- The State Grange asks that a law allowing payment for the **circulation of petitions** be repealed. We feel paid petitioners are a violation of the circulation of free petitions. The right of the initiative process should be retained without placing undue prohibitive restrictions and undue financial hardship on any individual or organization who might want to place a measure on the ballot.
- The State Grange opposes discontinuance of the **Voter's Pamphlet**; we urge Oregon to continue its present distribution. We also believe that the Secretary of State should see that the views and opinions of the statements printed are valid and that any inaccuracies published should be subject to the laws of perjury and libel.
- The Oregon State Grange supports requiring the Voters' pamphlet be **mailed at least 30 days prior** to an election.
- The Oregon State Grange supports requiring citizens to **register twenty days** prior to an election to be eligible to vote.
- The Oregon State Grange supports making the State of Oregon an **open primary state**.
- The Oregon State Grange believes that the wishes of the people should not be ignored. If changes need to be made in a current law, it should be made by elected officials and then **referred back to the people for a vote**. The intent of any law passed by the people should also be carried out until a change is made by vote.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to require the redistricting of the Oregon State House and Senate districts by **non-partisan commission** of nine citizens of Oregon.

LE #11: Regional & County Government, Appointed & Elected Officials

- We oppose any acts that virtually **halt all economic use of property** by setting it aside for wildlife habitat, scenic views, wetlands and other public uses without compensation to the owner. Further, if state land planning arbitrarily changes the use and value of any land, appropriate compensation for the loss of value should be given.
- We believe that the residents of Oregon's **unincorporated communities** should be allowed to exercise local control of land use decisions that determine the livability of their communities, and that the authority of regional governments to control land uses should be rescinded.
- The Oregon State Grange supports changing the law to have the **Land Conservation and Development Commission Board** be appointed from districts that are the same as the districts for the Oregon Department of Transportation (five districts, two lying east of the Cascade Mountains) with the other two board members appointed at large.
- We further support having the elected officials in each district **nominate** three citizens from that district to the Board, one of which the Governor shall appoint.
- We ask the Oregon State Legislature and the Governor to **limit the duties and actions** of LCDC and reduce their budget accordingly.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the repeal and/or overhaul of **Oregon's Land Use Planning** process.
- We are against the abrogation of **private property rights** and will use any means necessary to return and defend private property rights.

- The Oregon State Grange supports **protecting the private property rights** from eminent domain.
- The Oregon State Grange stands opposed to any revision to our Constitution that further encroaches upon the rights and privileges of individual citizens or further centralizes the power of government. The State Grange is opposed to the establishment of **regional government**, and we request that our freedom and right to own property, which might be jeopardized by a regional government, be retained. We are therefore opposed to the continuation of the Metropolitan Service District.
- The Oregon State Grange will work to see that the **Metro** Regional Government does not usurp the authority of the county or city government within the district in order to protect the population and natural environment of the region.
- The Oregon State Grange favors legislation that would limit the duties of the **Labor Commissioner** to labor relations. When criminal charges arise from labor actions, the case should be turned over to the judicial system.
- The Oregon State Grange favors repeal of Section 735.21 of the National Register of the Code of Conduct, which states that an employee of the US Department of Agriculture shall not actively participate in farm organizations. Many farm organizations, such as the Oregon State Grange, have long been strong forces in agriculture, as well as providing leadership in community affairs. Denying the right of employees to belong to organizations such as ours is banning them from taking an active part in their communities.
- We believe that a claim filed in **small claims court** should be tried in that court unless the party filing the claim agrees to a transfer to a District Court.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to require that all government agencies, particularly the heads of departments, be required to show **accountability** for decisions made during their tenure.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation requiring the state, metro, counties, cities and other governing agencies to provide each individual land owner affected by a proposed change in land use **written notification** that their property is within the boundaries of a proposed land use change that may affect that property's future value.

LE #12: Unpopular Laws and Proposals

- We believe that when boundary lines of property are surveyed, **adjoining property** owner(s) must be notified by registered mail within two weeks following the survey if there are changes.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to permit non-profit organizations with an annual budget under \$30,000.00 to be issued **building permits as homeowners** rather than corporations, to allow members/ volunteers to make repairs, subject to passing the required state and local inspections.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would do away with the **nuisance laws** pertaining to farmers and ranchers. County land planning and zoning should have equal representation of farmer and ranchers, along with representatives from other walks of life.
- We reaffirm our policy on the **separation of state and religion** in the public school system.
- We are in favor of package or **modular homes**. However, we believe that any such homes erected in the United States should also be manufactured in the USA.
- The Oregon State Grange urgently requests State Legislators to initiate adequate legislation to fully protect the **equities of buyers** of property under contract. We also ask that legislation be

enacted that will prevent acts of buyers from reflecting upon the equities of the seller of contract property.

- The Oregon State Grange opposes any move to **ban religious programs** from airing on radio or television.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes any further attrition of the **Oregon Public Records Law**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports prohibiting **public access** on private property without the owner's consent and actively opposes any legislation to the contrary.
- The Oregon State Grange supports issuance of a **driver license** with valid proof of a Social Security number.

TR #2: General Transportation Concerns on Roads & Rivers

- The Oregon State Grange supports stricter enforcement of current laws regarding excessive **tire width** for cars and light trucks.
- The Oregon State Grange rigorously opposes the conversion of any existing roads to **toll roads**.
- The Oregon State Grange seeks to require all **traffic signal lights** throughout the state to have a uniform setting for the yellow caution light of at least five to six seconds.

TR #3: Mass Transit

- The Oregon State Grange supports **Amtrak** service through the Columbia Gorge and on to Salt Lake City. We also oppose any cutbacks of Amtrak services to the Northwest.

TR #4: Motor Fuels & Taxes

- We oppose the legalization of **self-serve gas stations**, with the exception of commercial card lock stations and self-serve stations in very low population areas. Self-service gas stations have shown no evidence that they offer lower fuel prices, and hundreds of jobs would be lost directly impacting on Oregon's economy.
- The Oregon State Grange feels all **fuel tax** and vehicle monies, as well as interest from these monies, should be restricted solely to county roads, highways and state park use.
- We also favor the return of **federal gas tax monies** to the states for highway construction and repair before the gas tax is raised.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes any legislation to impose **emission standards** of California in Oregon.

TR #5: Road Hazards & Road Work

- We ask that all **school zones** be clearly marked.
- We urge the placement of permanent **fog markers** on all state and county roads in Oregon at the time any paving work is done.
- We contend that **US Highway 97** should be upgraded to a divided four-lane highway with trees and shrubs removed a sufficient distance to allow sunlight to melt the ice and give clear view of roadside animals.
- We are not in favor of creating a **Scenic Corridor Byway** on Highway 101 from Astoria to Gold Beach.

- The State Grange supports the '**Adopt-A-Highway**' bill and urges incorporating it into community projects.

TR #6: Vehicle Regulations & Fees

- The Oregon State Grange opposes any **road tax user fee** based on mileage.
- The Oregon State Grange favors legislation to force all auto and truck manufacturers and re-manufacturers to keep **vehicle headlights** within the original manufacturer's specifications and that all add-ons and repair jobs follow the rule by law.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to require **headlights** to be on anytime a vehicle is in operation.
- We favor stricter enforcement of bicyclists staying in the **bike lane** where it is available to them.
- The Oregon State Grange urges the DMV to include more questions on **bicycle** operation and safety on the exam for a motor vehicle driver's license.
- The Oregon State Grange supports **registration and license fees** on all bicycles ridden by adults and the funds generated to be used to build bike lanes on county and state roads.

UT #1: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) & Public Utility Districts (PUD)

- The Oregon State Grange strongly opposes any **proposed sale of the Bonneville Power Administration**. The Oregon State Grange has historically disagreed with the principle of private ownership of utilities, and we not only oppose a sale of the BPA, but also any other sale of federally owned and administered power installations in the United States. We will continue our support of the BPA, and we further recognize and support its goal to maintain low-cost power for the future.
- The State Grange endorses the taxation of the beneficial use, by non-federal legal entities, of the federal owned **electric transmission lines** established throughout Oregon. These lines are and have been constructed by and/or for the BPA.
- The Oregon State Grange strongly supports all existing **Public Utility Districts**, and favors the establishment of new PUDs. We also oppose the passage of any legislation that would require newly formed PUDs to purchase high-priced co-generated power when other power is available at lower cost. We further seek to protect the public preference clause that provides many northwest consumers with low-cost energy.
- The Oregon State Grange support efforts to establish **PUD districts** in the low-population counties, so as to maintain local control over rates and services.
- The Oregon State Grange promotes **water power development** and the establishment of People's Water Utility Districts in the State of Oregon; and we also promote the formation of the People's Utility District to manage and operate the Bull Run water supply system to supply water to Portland and the surrounding communities.

UT #2: Energy Sources and Energy Conservation

- We urge the United States government to develop an **energy policy** that will replace, whenever feasible, petroleum products with renewable or biomass fuels.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the **waste to energy** concept (as seen in the Covanta-Marion, Inc. plant in Brooks, Oregon) as a recommended method of disposing of garbage. This method not only safely disposes of waste through incineration, but produces saleable power during the same operation. We will lobby for solid waste-to-energy facilities such as this.

- We resolve to work with all PUDs, co-ops, and municipalities to establish and build more **waste to energy** plants.
- We must renew our search for **new types of electrical power sources** as we increase our energy production levels. At the same time, we must strive to eliminate pollution to the atmosphere and water. The development of wind, solar, geothermal, and other renewable power sources should be encouraged. All alternative sources of energy should be developed and put into production.
- The State Grange believes that we must continue to work toward **energy conservation**, not only in the use of electrical power, but also in our use of water. This would ensure the costs of both are kept to a minimum.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes **deregulation** of any processor or industry that will affect the rural community unless proof of some economic gain can be realized by the consumer.
- The Oregon State Grange recommends that every effort be made to restore affected farmland to its former condition and fertility by any **pipeline construction** company.

UT #3: Telephones and Television

- The Oregon State Grange asks the Public Utility Commission to require all telephone companies within the state to make available '**Caller ID**' access to all subscribers.
- We ask that consumers be able to request that they not receive recorded political telephone calls in a manner similar to the limiting of **solicitation calls**.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes the use of **telephone marketing**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to mandate **programming of ICE (In Case of Emergency) in all cell phones** by manufacturers.

VT #2: Veterans

- The Oregon State Grange supports **funding for our veterans** for appropriate rehabilitation assistance.
- The Oregon State Grange believes that the U.S. Congress should adequately fund all **Veterans Hospitals** and Medical Centers.