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# Oregon State Grange

## Agriculture

### Policy Statements

Agriculture is the oldest recorded commercial enterprise known to man. It is the Number One economic enterprise in Oregon. It supports, directly or indirectly, more employment than any other industry in the State. Forestry provides a close second to commercial agriculture. Our third (more glamorous enterprise) is recreation and it is dependent on both Agriculture and Forestry. Agricultural crops, livestock, and wood products are our only renewable resources. They all require inputs from our four fixed resources; air, water, soil, and sunlight.

Therefore, it is the policy of the Oregon State Grange that Agriculture and Forestry will be given equal and/or priority consideration when environmental or economic plans are formulated for the use of air, water, soil, and sunlight.

### Support these Broad Agricultural and Forestry Activities

- A. Flexibility in farm programs.
- B. Allowing farmers to reestablish their proven yields.
- C. Commodity loan rates set at or near cost of production.
- D. Soil and Water conservation programs that are cost shared by the Federal and State Governments, including the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). If a program is mandated by Federal or State Government, it will be cost-shared by the mandating government.
- E. The Oregon Departments of Agriculture and Fish and Wildlife be given authority to control the importation or transportation of feed products that have a potential of containing noxious weeds into agricultural and recreational areas that are presently free of these weeds.
- F. The Foreign Agricultural Investment Act which could help the US trade deficit by cutting lenders subsidies and help US producers compete more fairly in world markets.
- G. Cooperation with other organizations to present a solid front in support of the farm, forestry, and livestock production - especially family.
- H. The multiple uses of public lands for grazing, timber, and recreation.
- I. The US Department of Agriculture's Truth-in-Labeling Act.
- J. The right of each nation to enact laws to protect the viability of its land and local agriculture.

**AG Comm.14**

### Oppose these Broad Agricultural and Forestry Programs

- A. The reduction in value of farm or forestry lands through public land use policies without there being 'Just Compensation' as a 'Taking.'
- B. A ban on the use of Sodium Nitrite as a preservative of ham, hotdogs, lunch meats, and similar products. Require these products to be marked as containing nitrates. All sodium nitrite-free meat products should be clearly labeled to inform the consumer of the potential for botulism poisoning.
- C. Any change that would remove the control of forestry, grass, or any vegetation from US or Oregon State Departments of Agriculture. **AG Comm.14**

## Family Farms

The Oregon State Grange strongly SUPPORTS the family farm concept. A family farm being a business enterprise that provides food, fiber, forestry, and related products and services; owned, operated, managed and financed by family members.

Therefore, the Oregon State Grange family farm policy will be as stated in the specific areas: Water, soil, air, grain, horticulture, livestock, chemicals, and forestry. **AG Comm.14**

### I. Water

- A. Support legislation that provides flow rights by priority dates of applications. The oldest rights having priority and places in-stream water right applications on hold when stream flows are being exceeded.
- B. Support legislation that would require state or federal agencies to cost share equally in all irrigation diversion measuring devices and screens that are mandated and/or have unknown impacts on the aquatic resource to be protected.
- C. Oppose the reduction, elimination, or other manipulation of present water rights.
- D. Support the right of private property owners to protect their land from further flood damage if they are unable to obtain the proper permits in seven days. **EE1.97, AG Comm.14**

### II. Soil

- A. That "Wet Lands" as defined by the legislature will consider what natural "Wet Lands" is.
- B. Agricultural and forestry lands will be taxed on the basis of soil capability and/or productivity.
- C. That all state and federal agencies will consider all commercial agricultural crops by the same definition. High intensity crops such as cranberries, blueberries, nurseries, cane berries when commercially produced, should be considered as agricultural lands by the taxing departments as well as the state land use agencies.
- D. That when agricultural and forestry planning are being considered by planning agencies that intensively managed small horticultural and nursery ownerships be given equal consideration with more extensive field cropping. **AG Comm.14**

### III. Air

- A. Support air, smoke, and dust control measures that consider the most economical and expeditious means of reducing pollution to realistic historical levels.
- B. Support research and programs to utilize more fully the by-products from grass, grain, and forest that will reduce air smoke-pollution and provide an economic return to the grower.
- C. Support agriculture brush burning. **AG Comm.14**

### IV. Grain Storage, Handling and Transportation

- A. Support active port terminals and storage facilities for export and import of grains and forestry products along the Columbia River.
- B. Support on-farm storage facilities for grains.

- C. Support a moisture, protein grade, and debris level for all grains based on world importers requirements with prices based on these requirements and any pricing premiums received to be shared with growers.
- D. Support a multi-based barge/rail/highway farm commodities transportation system that assures the lowest possible cost of moving food and fiber to the consumer. **AG Comm.14**

## **V. Livestock**

- A. Support the present grazing permit fee policies.
- B. Favor a policy when a grazing permit requires riparian fencing for stream bank protection that the requiring public agency provides not less than 50 percent of the costs of such installations.
- C. Support the present policy on brucellosis.
- D. Oppose the importation of meat, dairy, and poultry products that do not meet U.S. Food and Drug standards of the same domestic products.
- E. Oppose any change in current USDA inspection laws that would weaken the inspection standards for fish, fowl, pork, beef, lamb or other meat products. **AG Comm.14**

## **VI. Chemicals**

- A. Support County, State and Federal legislation being enacted to cost share with landowners for control and containment of noxious weeds. Any legislation enacted should require public agencies to control weeds on the lands they are managing.
- B. Support County, State and Federal legislation that would permit timely use of chemical controls to eradicate exotic pests. **AG Comm.14**

## **VII. Forestry**

- A. Support all silvicultural practices, including clear cutting, as viable alternatives in timber harvesting. Timber harvest activities shall be conducted so as to protect the basic soil and water resources and to insure adequate reforestation of commercial timber species.
- B. Support timely and expeditious harvesting of fire- and insect-damaged timber that maintains timber value and reduces fire hazards. **AG Comm.14**

## **Watershed Policy**

The Grange recognizes the importance of, and the protection of all watersheds. The Grange also recognizes that watersheds do not adhere to boundaries of private or public lands. Inasmuch as all lands are within the watershed, all who own or manage all or any portion of a watershed must exercise responsible stewardship of that watershed to maintain its health to provide clean water, continue its production of food or fiber, and any other multiple uses that will benefit society.

The Grange recommends, that, federal, state, and local governments work closely with each other and local landowners to the development and construction of watershed projects, dams, and reservoirs for multiple use such as flood control, storing and releasing surplus flood waters, replenishing underground water, hydroelectric power generation, irrigation, and industrial/municipal uses.

The Grange opposes the 'locking up' of watersheds or portions thereof for a single use by anyone or agency especially public lands that have historically been in multiple uses including the growing and harvesting of timber, forage and other renewable resources.

The Grange does not oppose the placing of some restrictions on some activities in designated areas for the protection of a specific resource for a specific time.

The Grange supports and promotes educating all persons and agencies to the fact that the responsibility for the protection of our watersheds lies with those who use them. **AG Comm.14**

## **Environment, Conservation, and Natural Resources Policy**

The Grange recognizes that the protection of the environment and the conservation of our natural resources are vital national priorities if our nation is to remain a pleasant, healthful and profitable place to live. However, the zealous pursuit of unrealistic and unnecessary environmental and conservation goals can cause economic damage to industries that are important to our country. They can cause economic damage to industries that are important to our country; they can also obfuscate the important role that private property rights play in maintaining our liberty. The Grange does not believe that Americans must sacrifice their prosperity or surrender their constitutional rights in order to preserve our environment. All these goals can be achieved within the framework of a free and creative society.

The Grange insists that the protection for private property ownership that is derived from the United States Constitution, State Constitutions, and the common law be vigorously protected.

Adequate and full compensation should be paid in all cases of 'taking' of private property by Government. We support increased efforts to educate the public and the children in school, in particular, about the continued importance of the right to own property that our citizens enjoy under our form of government.

The Grange, at all levels, demands responsible stewardship of all who own or utilize those resources. Responsible stewardship recognizes a balance between use and preservation. It is a function of informed judgment that can take many different forms. Property owners must accept and exercise their responsibilities individually. **AG Comm.14**

## **Farm Land and Forest Land**

The Oregon State Grange opposes the condemnation of agricultural acreage for the purpose of setting up recreational and environmental areas, including the use of this power by the State. We also oppose the purchase of farm lands for the creation of recreational areas, public projects, and housing developments.

We support legislation that would prevent removing water rights from agriculture to supply rural and/or industrial development with water and, if that a temporary building halt be made in any area not having a ready and adequate source of water. **73.75, 35.85, 46.88, AG1.90, AG5.92, AG Comm.14**

We favor establishment of definite criteria that clearly and properly defines and identifies what constitutes 'Secondary Lands', as applied to forestry and agriculture lands; also that public comments be solicited in establishing the criteria to be used in this identification. **AG02.90, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange favors a 'Right to Farm' law. **AG01.93, AG03.06, AG Comm.14**

The State Grange opposes any system, or method, that would threaten our great production of food, our family type farm system, and local business enterprises. **22.77, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange shall back all legislation and push for stronger legislation to protect the farms and farmers not only in Oregon but throughout the United States. **AG1.01, AG Comm.14**

The Grange supports a policy that protects and preserves any property in excess of two acres in an Exclusive Farm Use zone. **AG2.97, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange opposes all attempts to repeal the Open Range Law, and advocates that all government entities post all roads with signs noting livestock are present, with signs posted at the beginning, end, and at five-mile intervals within the open range area. **AG3.98, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports the Land Conservation and Development Commission's continued use of existing guidelines to maintain the State of Oregon's existing Farm and Forest Lands. **EE1.02, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports the return of US Forest and BLM lands to the individual 12 Western States. **FA5.08, AG Comm.14**

Before application for **mining aggregate** can be approved on high-value farmland, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Water Resources should be required to examine the application and sign off on proposed mining operation that it will not impact agriculture operation and water rights on surrounding farms. **AG1.15**

## Irrigation

Further the Grange supports the concept that **agricultural use of water** be considered as a public beneficial use of the waters of Oregon. Also those Oregon statutes recognize water used for agricultural food production and processing be identified as beneficial uses equal to, or greater than, fish, wildlife, recreation, and other environmental water uses. **62.84, AG4.92, AG Comm.14**

We urge the Oregon State Water Resources Department to consider the needs of the Oregon farmer when making their decisions concerning **minimum stream flow**, and fish and wildlife uses. We also urge cooperation from all agencies to provide for the needs of farmers, as well as those of fish and wildlife.

The Oregon State Grange believes that limitations on **irrigated acreage** be adjusted to better reflect today's needs. We further believe that a 160 acre limitation is not reasonable in many areas. Also self-determination should be granted to irrigation projects, when all monies have been repaid. **35.78, AG Comm.14**

We oppose current requirements, made by the Oregon State Water Resources Department, for the installation of **water flow meters** on underground irrigation systems. We feel there are other methods to figure water flow on these systems that would not cause unnecessary financial cost to water consumers. **111.88, AG Comm.14**

We oppose any State or Federal legislation that would decrease and/or **limit irrigation, agricultural processing and livestock water rights** in accordance to our present Grange policy. **AG2.93, AG7.03, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange and Grange members support the efforts to help the **Klamath irrigation** users in their fight to keep their historical water rights and their ability to make a living off their land. **AG2.08, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange reaffirms its policy and requests the National Grange to amend its policy to:

- Work to preserve the way of life of the **Klamath Basin** farming community as agriculture is the number one industry in the basin.
- Actively work to ensure that the flow of life-giving and life-sustaining water from the Klamath Lake and watershed is restored to the farmers and farm communities served by the irrigation systems.
- Oppose the removal of water storage and electrical generation dams in the Klamath Basin for environmental and agricultural reasons. **ENR3.11, AG Comm.14**

## Chemicals, Vegetation Control, and Pests

The State Grange strongly opposes a ban on the use of **Sodium Nitrite**. Such a ban could result in possible loss of sales, of up to 60%, of processed pork such as ham, bacon, hotdogs, and lunch meats. Without Sodium Nitrite the danger of botulism could be a threat to the consumer. Also all nitrite free meat products should be clearly labeled as such to ensure the protection of the consumer against food poisoning like botulism. **7.79, AG Comm.14**

The State Grange asks chemical companies to **test pesticides**, fungicides, and herbicides, for minimal usage, and that danger to human health be of primary importance before these chemicals are released for use in the production of our food supply.

We propose legislation protecting farmers from **claims** that disparage, defame agriculture products without verifiable scientific proof when reported by the media and groups against the farmer. **AG3.94, AG Comm.14**

We also believe that the **Director of Agriculture** should have the power to appoint the members of the Commodity Commission. The Oregon State Grange believes all of these changes would help the Department of Agriculture stay in touch with the problems of the farmer. **46.77, AG Comm.14**

We oppose any change that would remove the **control of forestry**, grass, or any vegetation, from the Department of Agriculture. **36.79, AG Comm.14**

We favor **field burning** by the grass seed growers, until such time as an established and effective alternative for purifying the fields is sanctioned by these farmers, and the Oregon Department of Agriculture. **53.77, AG Comm.14**

The Grange would support any federal or state legislation that would enlist help for landowners and farmers in their work to control and reverse the spread of **Tansy Ragwort**, or any other noxious weeds, on their property.

The Oregon State Grange urges local county weed districts to enforce the **Weed Control Law** on county, state and private property to assist in the control, of the noxious weed Wild Scotch Broom. We also recommend giving the Oregon Fish and Game Commission authority to control feed contaminated with **noxious weeds** due to the frequency of hunters bringing these seeds into the areas with the hay for their pack animals. **28.76, 1.81, AG2.92, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports the eradication of **noxious weeds** on private and public lands, and with the National Grange, will support Federal, State, and County administered programs which will provide adequate funding for the eradication of noxious weeds. **AG3.99, AG Comm.14**

The State Grange supports fighting **Gypsy Moth** infestations. We believe any steps that are taken to eradicate this pest are justified, as long as due consideration to the safety of human and animal life is given. The Gypsy Moth's continued destruction of our natural resources means not only economic losses, but also the destruction of the natural beauty of our state and country. **54.82, AG Comm.14**

We ask that the US and State Agriculture Departments and County Weed Control Districts declare the **Russian Olive Tree** a nuisance. **AG1.94, AG Comm.14**

The Grange supports continued scientific research into **non-human cloning**. **AG3.97, AG Comm.14**

The Grange supports a two tier **livestock protection** law. Dogs that chase livestock outside incorporated cities shall be put to death upon the first offense. Dogs that chase livestock inside incorporated cities shall be put to death upon the second offense. All dogs that injure or kill livestock shall be put to death. **AG4.97, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports the Oregon **Dog Control** laws, and does not support their repeal, amendment or weakening; and feels there should be more dog control officers on duty and a more

aggressive enforcement of the dog control law now on the books. Stricter enforcement of the restitution or fines a dog owner has to pay for his delinquent dog also should be applied. Stiffer Penalties should be levied when restitution becomes delinquent or nonexistent. **AG8.98, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange firmly believes that ranchers should be allowed to kill a **gray wolf** that is killing or threatening to kill any livestock or pet and supports any legislation that would allow such. **LE9.09, AG Comm.14**

We support the removal of many of the restrictions for game hunting and allow a hunt season of reasonable time and bag limit to reduce the numbers of the seven sub-species of **Canadian Geese** causing crop damage in the Willamette Valley. **AG2.09, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports efforts to mitigate and eliminate livestock loss as well as elk and deer population reductions due to **wolves in Oregon**. **AG5.10, AG Comm.14**

We want our lobbyist to work toward introducing legislation that would direct the State of Oregon to **compensate the owner of a calf or lamb killed by a wolf** at their value based on three times the average weaning weight and other livestock and farm animals at three times their value. **AG02.11, AG Comm.14**

**Neonicotinoid** insecticides should be available only to certified and licensed applicators. **AG5.17**

## **Foreign Aid and the Importation of Agricultural Products**

The Oregon State Grange supports regulations, and curtailments, if these are needed, to maintain **domestic profits**, of imported meats, such as dairy livestock and poultry products. Also that prices on these products be regulated, based on the domestic cost of production, especially during depressed times. We ask further that higher price support levels be provided, when necessary, to meet the cost of production plus a profit. Finally we urge that grain exports be kept to a level where they do not jeopardize our domestic needs. **5, 24.75, AG Comm.14**

We oppose the **importation of lamb** that has been produced using products not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration. **27.87, AG Comm.14**

The Grange stands behind the **Foreign Agricultural Investment Act**. This Act could help to reduce the US trade deficit by cutting lenders' subsidies, thus enabling US producers to compete more fairly in international markets. **16.87, AG Comm.14**

The State Grange feels that the United States government should not be controlling tonnage for foreign agricultural shipments and should halt price controlling of **foreign grain shipments**. **99.88, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange support legislation to require that all grass seed imported into the US market or sold on the world market by member countries of **NAFTA and/or WTO** abide by all requirements of their trade agreement, particularly those requirements concerning subsidies for production. **AG1.02, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange opposes the passage of the **Trans Pacific Partnership**. **AG4.16**

## **Domestic Agricultural Aid**

The State Grange opposes subsidies made to **tobacco farmers**. We favor legislation that would prohibit the Department of Agriculture, or any other department of the US government, from subsidizing the tobacco industry. **41.84, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports having tobacco farmers **change to crops** that are not harmful to mankind or animals. **AG10.98, AG Comm.14**

We support only farm programs that recognize the fact that all **commodities are interrelated**, and any change in supply, demand, or price of one affects the others. Because commodities are inter-related, careful consideration must be made of the economic impact on all commodities when a major change in any policy is made. **48.84, AG Comm.14**

We recognize the problems of the small seed producer of non-hybrid seeds, and the State Grange strongly supports any legislation, and/or program, that would help the small independent **seed producer**. **30.82, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange asks that the US government **break up monopolies** held by buyers and shippers controlling overseas grain shipments. Also that growers, grower associations, and grower cooperatives be permitted to arrange their own shipments, if they so desire, for all grain markets they open up and develop. **100.88, AG Comm.14**

The Grange further supports the proposed **Nursery Crop Research Center** at OSU, providing that the nursery industry assist in the funding. **16.81, ED3.90, AG3.92, AG Comm.14**

## **Inspections and Labeling**

The Oregon State Grange is opposed to any changes in the current USDA **poultry inspection laws** that would weaken the inspection standards. **3.87. AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports the rewrite of the proposed **National Organic Standards** by the USDA to include the high standards that the industry has developed and maintained through the National Organic Board which represents growers, producers, manufacturers, consumers and retailers of organic foods. **AG5.98, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports laws requiring all fertilizer manufacturers to **list all ingredients** in their products by their true name such as Lead, Zinc, Radioactive Waste and that a generic name such as "inert material" not be used; and that all fertilizer manufacturers using recycled materials be plainly listed as recycled materials. **AG6.98, AG Comm.14**

For consumer protection, the Oregon State Grange shall support **labeling imported food** as to the **country of origin**. **FA1.00, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange shall work to pass legislation which would require that all produce sold in the United States for human consumption be labeled with the **country of origin**; and the Congress of the United States is respectfully requested to enact comprehensive legislation that requires country of origin labeling on all meat and meat products, including blended meats, to ensure that meat labeled "United States meat" is meat from animals that were born, raised, and processed in the United States. **AG3.01, AG Comm.14**

We ask that all products containing **MSG** in any form be labeled 'includes MSG' after the listed ingredient which contains or causes MSG; and that all fresh fruit and vegetables that is either sprayed or waxed in with MSG as part of the ingredient be so marked either on the produce or on the sign stating the price of the product. **HW5.01. AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports requiring markets to post point of origin of produce for the benefit of the consumer; and that we encourage Oregon retail outlets to promote and use the "**Grown in Oregon**" labels. **AG3.02, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange should support that plant crop **Genetically Modified Organism** traits are linked to cytoplasmic male sterility (sterile pollen). And to support the farmers right to produce his/her own seed free from contamination by patented Genetically Modified Organism products. **AG4.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports practical science testing and control procedures to protect the public from **BSE** (Mad Cow Disease) and not over burden the industry. **AG9.04, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports the industry accepted **cattle identification system**.  
AG11.04, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to require all countries exporting food products to the United States to meet the **US food safety standards** and certify safety inspections to US standards.  
FA1.04, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation which would place a four year moratorium on the growing of plants **genetically engineered** to produce pharmaceutical and industrial products on food crops in outdoor environments.  
AG1.05, AG Comm.14

The Grange supports funding for **"Country of Origin Labeling"** (COOL).  
AG7.06, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange opposes regulations that would adversely affect local food co-ops, farm stands, independent ranchers, and artisan food producers in an attempt to establish **food safety standards**.  
AG3.10, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to **label foods** that do not contain GMO's.  
AG6.14

The Oregon State Grange supports that the National Grange requests the U.S. Congress to revoke the patent on the **terminator and traitor seeds**.  
FA3.14

The Oregon State Grange supports the National Grange to request the U.S. Congress to pass a law to label all milk products that come from cows that are given **Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone**.  
FA4.14

## Farms, Farming Practices, and Farm Labor

The Oregon State Grange expresses support for the formation of a **coalition of farm organizations** that would present a solid front in support of the farming industry, especially the family farm.  
28.87, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange believes **grazing allotments** should be made in the interests of agriculture.  
41.76, AG Comm.14

The Grange gives full cooperation to any program that would develop **ethanol**, or any other commercial type fuel from surplus grain or other agricultural by-products.  
37.78, AG Comm.14

We urge the Federal Government to repeal or modify the law **prohibiting children from working in farm fields**.  
AG2.94, AG Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange request the State Legislature establish Administrative Rules relieving employers of the responsibility of **documenting individual rest and/or lunch periods** for each individual farm worker.  
LE6.04, AG Comm.14

The State Grange supports a change in the state of Oregon's structural code so that the definition of an **'agricultural building'** would exclude a dwelling and first garage or carport. Also that buildings would automatically qualify for an 'agricultural building' definition if the Comprehensive Plan allows for farming.  
7.77, AG Comm.14

We support changes in farm regulations that would allow a **second dwelling** to be built on family farms. Many farmers would prefer to remain living on their farms, upon retirement from farming due to age or circumstance, while turning their farms over to their sons or daughters.  
13.86, AG Comm.14

We believe Grange members should become involved in any open discussion of Agriculture through **public forum**.  
AG1.95, AG Comm.14

The Grange will lobby to maintain the **Conservation Reserve Program**.  
AG2.95, AG Comm.14

The Grange will vigorously oppose any change to Oregon's '**Agricultural Lien Laws**'.  
**AG5.97, AG Comm.14**

The Grange promotes the **saving of seed** for future use on their farm ("Brown Bag" seed).  
**AG1.06, AG Comm.14**

The Grange supports the "**Farm to School**" Program. **AG1.07, AG Comm.14**

We urge the state legislature to allocate funds to schools for the purchase of Oregon food products and provide school-garden and agricultural education grants to help fund the **Farm to School Program** and the **School Garden Network**.  
**AG3.09, AG Comm. 14**

The Grange supports the Oregon State University's right to appoint the **state climatologist**.  
**AG2.07, AG Comm.14**

We encourage that refuge management in the Willamette Valley work with neighboring farmers to employ farming practices that raise crops that provide a more adequate supply of winter feed for the wintering **Canadian Geese and water fowl**.  
**AG4.09, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that allows the use of surface and grey water for **permaculture**.  
**AG2.10, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would **exempt poultry producers in Oregon from certain licensing requirements**, according to the federal Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA), when they:

- Process no more than 1,000 birds of their own raising
  - Slaughter and process under sanitary standards, practices, and procedures according to state food safety regulations established for the exemption
  - Keep slaughter and sales records
  - Do not sell poultry products interstate.
- AG4.10, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any initiative petition that requires stricter **animal welfare standards**, such as outlawing caged hens for poultry egg producers, than established in statute during the 2011 Legislative Session  
**AG3.11, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any National regulations and laws that would prohibit farm families from raising and educating their children in the **traditional farm duties** in a safe and judicious manner.  
**AG4.12, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any effort to change the **guest worker classification for sheepherders from H-2A**.  
**AG5.12, AG Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports the **Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act of 2013** which would change Section 302(e) of the Controlled Substances Act (2) U.S.C. 822(e) as follows: 1. striking "(e)" and 2. adding the following: "(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a registrant who is a Veterinarian shall not be required to have a separate registration in order to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of Veterinary practice at a site other than the registrant's registered principal place of business or professional practice, so long as the site of dispensing is located in a state where the Veterinarian is licensed to practice veterinary medicine."  
**AG2.13, AG Comm.14**

**Support the "Local Farms, Food and Job Act" of the 2012 Farm Bill.** **FA2.13, AF Comm.14**

The Grange "**Supports Progressive Farming**"

1. Farming methods which minimize unwanted cross pollination of seed types
2. Supports and encouraged methods of seed creation which minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides.

3. Encourage methods of seed creation that will increase the nutritional value of the food.
4. Encourage research assessing impacts of agricultural seed and practices on human health, the natural environment, and the economy.
5. Support farming originating from all seed types on condition that the above assurances are met. **AG3.14**

That the Oregon State Grange supports the use of **Spent Grains** as animal feed. **FA8.14**

That the Oregon State Grange support all government and fiscal policy that improves the likelihood of success, and reduces that impediments to that success, of **Small Farms**. **LE1.14**

The Oregon State Grange advocates for the improvement of agriculture products as a result of **cross-breeding**. **AG3.16**

## Education

The Oregon State Grange supports education in the following ways

- Oregon Farm -To-School programs
- Scholarships
- Programs such as Future Farmers, 4-H, scouting
- Words for Thirds: Dictionaries for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students
- Parental education programs
- Special education
- Talented and Gifted Programs
- Agriculture in the classrooms
- Funding for Head Start and pre-school programs
- Well organized community based charter schools
- Community educational programs

**ED Comm.13**

### School Expenses and Funding Problems

We believe that the net proceeds brought into Oregon by **Lotto America** should be distributed to the Oregon primary and secondary educational districts, thus lowering property taxes and assuring the schools operating costs. We will also work toward school district allotments being distributed according to attendance, in addition to the present A.D.T. money, and that said districts lower their millage rates accordingly. **49.88, ED6.13**

We support the reauthorization of the **Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Program**, the matching-grant program managed by the Department of Education. **LE1.16**

During hard economic times, we support state funds to be used to eliminate the **co-pay for school breakfasts for low-wage families** to help thousands more Oregon children to be able to have a breakfast so that they can learn better in the classroom. **LE13.09**

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. **72.78, 2.89, LE11.90, LE3.17**

We urge the State Legislature to provide funds for the continuation of the **Head Start Program**. **ED01.95, LE3.17**

## Administration, Teachers, Employees

The Oregon State Grange supports the revision of current OAR Section 584, Division 42 to expand opportunities and use of the **Career and Technical Education Teaching Licenses** in Oregon schools. And remove the requirement of a sponsoring school district and district transfer requirements to secure a CTE 1 license. **ED2.12**

We support the efforts of “The Promise of Oregon” campaign to ensure that our legislators continue to prioritize investment in **improving educational outcomes** for Oregon’s children. **ED3.16**

## Subjects Taught in Schools

The Oregon State Grange believes that all students should successfully complete a one-half credit **financial literacy** course prior to high school graduation or demonstrate financial literacy by an alternate means specified by the school district. **ED1.11**

The Oregon State Grange encourages the creation of a program focusing on schools and governmental offices to create a **National Student Government Day**. Students will assume the roles of mayors, city council members, county commissioners, representatives, senators, and justices of the judicial system. The goal of this program is to familiarize students with how governments work and what processes are evolved. **ED3.12**

The Oregon State Grange asks the State Board of Education to emphasize **civics education** at all levels of public education in Oregon, and State Board of Education declare that civics is an essential skill and require that students show proficiency in the subject to achieve an Oregon High School diploma. **ED1.15**

The Oregon State Grange is in favor of reinstating a course of study that includes arts and music, as well as fundamentals and vocational subjects. **ED6.17**

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. **25.79, ED6.17**

We favor any legislation that provides state support for **vocational education** and we encourage federal funding of these programs. **ED6.17**

The Oregon State Grange strongly supports **vocational agricultural programs**, and we oppose any reduction of agricultural science and technology programs in Oregon high schools. **42.78, 79.81, ED5.92, ED6.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports teaching the accomplishments and **contributions of the Grange** when presenting the history of our state and country. **ED6.17**

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. **TSCR.95, ED6.17**

The Oregon State Grange Education Committee encourages local Granges to work with their local schools to get ‘**Get Oregonized**’ adopted as a textbook and develop guidelines/talking points for local Granges to use to accomplish this goal. **3.86, ED1.17**

## Schools

The Oregon State Grange supports preserving the state budget to keep the Oregon School for the Deaf open. **LE.12.09**

The Oregon State Grange supports **parental school choice** in education. **ED1.10**

We support any and all forms of **public funded virtual and charter schools**. **ED3.11**

The Oregon State Grange oppose any mandates of prohibition by the Oregon State Board of Education regarding **mascots** the represent Native Americans as required by OAR 581-021-0047. **ED4.12**

The Oregon State Grange supports the rights for local schools and school districts to **determine their mascots, school colors, name, and other personalization** without interference from the Oregon State board of Education. **ED4.12**

The Oregon State Grange supports **higher nutritional foods and drinks** in Oregon Public Schools. **ED1.05, ED5.17**

We support the adoption of a **closed campus** structure by all school districts. **76.86, ED5.17**

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. **ED1.98, ED5.17**

We seek adequate funding for 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. **ED5.17**

The Oregon State Grange seeks to require schools to notify parents or guardian of the **absence** of their child from school by noon. **ED1.02, ED5.17**

Oregon State Grange opposes US Dept of Education **Common Core State Standards** (CCSS) and will lobby the Governor of Oregon to withdraw from the CCSS and keep K-12 education student-centered and accountable to the people of the State of Oregon. **ED2.17**

Oregon State Grange calls for reexamination of **public school accountability systems**, development of a system based on multiple forms of assessment that do not require extensive standardized testing and more accurately reflect student learning. We call for overhaul of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, reduce testing mandates, promote multiple forms of evidence of student learning and school quality, and not mandate any fixed role for the use of student test scores in evaluating educators. **ED3.17**

## **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. **LE10.99, ED7.17**

## **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. **LE2.17**

We also support '**on farm**' testing by the Cooperative Extension Service as a method of evaluating and adapting research information to local areas. **LE2.17**

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. **AG2.91, LE2.17**

Oregon State Grange believes the Oregon legislature should provide **state funding** for the Oregon FFA Association and agricultural education in Oregon schools. **ED4.17**

# Energy and Utilities

## Energy Policy

An Energy Policy should promote the economic and efficient use of our natural resources to produce energy, and to develop all energy sources that are feasible using proven technology. **UT4.17**

## Energy Sources and Energy Conservation

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would require that all imported **electrically energized items** comply with "UL" (Underwriters Laboratories) codes before being sold in the United States. **FA1.10**

The State Grange advocates the use of **biomass as fuel** whenever possible and feasible at the local, county, state, and federal levels. **ENR1.11**

We oppose the use of **tax credits and incentives** to encourage energy conservation, and instead support voluntary and economically viable energy conservation in agriculture, industry, commerce, and the home. **ENR2.11**

We urge the United States government to develop an **energy policy** that will replace, whenever feasible, petroleum products with renewable or biomass fuels. **FA3 & FA5.92, UT2.17**

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. **UT2.17**

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. **52.88, UT4.90, Energy Rpt.90, UT2.17**

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. **Energy Rpt.90, UT2.17**

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. **LE2.97, UT2.17**

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. **UT1.02, UT2.17**

## Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and Public Utility Districts (PUD)

We believe hydroelectric power should be recognized as a renewable energy source in the state of Oregon, as our bordering states have done, and that the Public Utilities Commission must have significant input in Oregon energy planning. **UT2.16**

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. **4.86, 84.87, UT1.17**

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. **79.87, UT1.17**

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. **38.77, 82.78, 31.87, 88.88, UT1.17**

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. **UT2.00, UT1.17**

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. **UT3.02, UT1.17**

## Environment and Ecology

### DEQ Regulations (i.e., wood stoves, brush)

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. **EE4.17**

### Chemicals, Toxins, and Waste Disposal

We believe that only **waste generated within the state of Oregon** should be incinerated or buried here in the future. **EE3.90, EE2.08**

We urge the National Grange to take such action as necessary to remove **carbon dioxide emissions** from the list of gaseous pollutants. **EE1.11**

We urge the National Grange to lobby for the removal of **earthen dust** from the list of particulate pollutants deemed to require government regulation. **EE2.11**

The Oregon State Grange supports strict enforcement of laws regarding **release of hazardous/toxic chemical** substances and containers. Also we believe it is the industries' responsibility to ensure that adequate processing is in place to dispose of and neutralize pollutants. **EE3.17**

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. **EE1.90, EE3.17**

### Recycling

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would **ban disposable polystyrene** food and drink containers throughout Oregon. **LE3.08**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to ban the use of all **unrecyclable plastic** bags and plastic packaging wrap in the State of Oregon **EE1.08**

The Oregon State Grange supports expansion of Oregon's beverage container deposit law to include **ALL non-biodegradable disposable beverage containers**. **EE1.10**

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. **17.75, 85.88, EE2.96, NR3.05, EE7.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports the formulation of legislation that bans all **non-biodegradable** materials used by restaurants as packaging for take-out foods. **EE1.89, EE7.17**

The Oregon State Grange will work with the Legislature to make **recycling mandatory** for all public and private agencies, institutions and industries. **86.88, EE7.17**

The Oregon State Grange encourages curbside recycling agencies, and private agencies, institutions, and industries to **accept plastics** along with other recyclables. **EE2.93, EE7.17**

Oregon State Grange encourages any legislation that would increase aluminum recycling. **EE2.17**

## Preservation and Management of Our Environment

The Oregon State Grange opposes the passage of any bill that would **expand the Wild Rogue River Wilderness**. **EE1.12**

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. **13.87, EE6.17**

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. **NR4.93, EE6.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports efforts to help the **US commercial fishermen** who are adversely affected by restrictive regulations. **FA2.02, EE6.17**

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**. **LE4.00, EE6.17**

## Endangered Species Act

We support the current ODFW policy **removing the wolf** from the Endangered Species list in Oregon. **NR2.16**

We support policies allowing the farmer or rancher to **shoot a coyote or wolf** if it is chasing, biting or harassing livestock or domestic pets such as cats and dogs, or if seen within 500 feet of a farm/ranch dwelling. **NR1.16; NR3.16**

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. **EE5.01, EE5.17**

## Federal Affairs

### Federal Services - Social Security

The Oregon State Grange supports restoring to an adequate level the **General Assistance (GA)** payments for adults conditionally approved to receive Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability. **LE16.09**

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). **FA5.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports the **Notch Fairness Act**. **FA3.01, FA5.17**

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. **FA5.17**

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. **FA5.17**

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. **FA5.17**

We ask the State of Oregon to **reimburse juror mileage** at the federal standard. **LE9.17**

## Postal Service

The Oregon State Grange recognizes the **USPS as a fundamental and critical service** and support legislation, such as the *Century Postal Service Act of 2012*. This allows the USPS to remain financially solvent while modernizing and enhancing services to all Americans. **FIA4.12**

The Oregon State Grange asks that the USPS keep the **Gateway Postal Facility** in Springfield, Oregon open. **FA3A.15**

The Oregon State Grange request the U.S. Congress eliminate the requirement that USPS **pre-fund retiree insurance benefits** **FA3B.15**

The Oregon State Grange supported the continuation of the flow of **mail to rural areas**, preserving Monday through Saturday delivery. **FA8.17**

## Foreign and Domestic Services

Oregon State Grange supports returning to **Daylight Savings** time throughout the year. **LE6.14**

The Oregon State Grange opposes **Executive Order #13528**, which establishes a Council of Governors and violates the Posse Comitatus Act and the 10<sup>th</sup> Bill of Rights. **FA7.10**

The Oregon State Grange opposes **Executive Order #13524**, which grants INTERPOL full diplomatic immunity. **FA10.10**

The Oregon State Grange opposes the passage of Senate bill S.1698 and H.R.3166 and on any **restriction of the right to Habeas Corpus**. **FA3.12**

The Oregon State Grange opposes the current law established by S.1867 and H.R.1450 and requests a judicial review. **FA4.12**

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. **85.87, FA6.17**

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. **2.80, 104.82, 64.88, FIA2.93, FA6.17**

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. **FA5.02, FA6.17**

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. **FA8.01, FA6.17**

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. **FA10.01, FA6.17**

## Federal Monetary Affairs

We support the adoption of rules in the U.S. Senate that would require that bills having a monetary impact of more than \$1 million not be passed using a **unanimous consent procedure**. **FA1.09**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to require **Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac** to relinquish their Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSE) status and become fully private institutions. **FA4.09**

We support passage of a law that will require **Credit Default Swaps**, Loan Only Credit Default Swaps and all similar credit derivative instruments to be federally regulated in the same manner as insurance companies and that this legislation include the right of the various states/territories of the U.S. to prosecute any firm(s) that sell these. **FA5.09**

The Oregon State Grange calls upon our Senators and Representatives to put aside partisan politics and find a way to **reduce Federal spending to equal revenue from taxation**. And we call upon the President to reduce the executive branch of our government to show leadership in stopping the growth of the Federal debt. **FA6.12**

The Oregon State Grange opposes non-transparent, non-amendable **fast-track trade pacts**, which do not allow open debate by our legislative bodies. **Ag3.15**

The State Grange believes all **tax loopholes** that allow large companies to receive subsidies, federal credits and guarantees should be halted. **FA3.17**

## Congress, Judges, and the President of the United States

We oppose any legislation to require mandatory **gun owner liability** insurance or imposition of fines on uninsured gun owners. **FA3.16**

The Grange supports the addition of the crime of income tax evasion to the crimes listed in Public Law No. 110-81, the "Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007" in order that a **federal pension** not be given to any Congressmen and Senators convicted of income tax evasion. **FA2.09**

We oppose the addition of any **religious law, dogma, or religiously mandated penalties** to the civil laws of the United States or any state or territory thereof. **FA4.16**

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. **9.82, 15.83, 47.85, FIA1a.89, FA10.90, FA2.92, FA3.17**

The Oregon State Grange urges Oregon members of Congress to sponsor or co-sponsor legislation that would give our President **line-item veto authority**. **LE3.89, FA4.92, FA3.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports retaining the provision in the Constitution to limit candidates for President to only **"natural born citizens."** **FA3.05, FA3.17**

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**. **FA9.01, FA4.04, FA3.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports judges who are on the record as defending the **right to keep and bear arms**. FA9.04, FA3.17

The Oregon State Grange supports the **Writ of Habeas Corpus**. FA4.03, FA3.17

## 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. FA4.01, FA7.17

The Oregon State Grange supports a measure to prohibit the giving or selling of **personal information** by the Internal Revenue Service or tax preparers. FA2.06, FA7.17

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation permitting law enforcement agencies to report **individuals without proper documentation** to the proper federal authorities. LE3.07, FA7.17

## Federal Lands

We urge the State of Oregon to sue the US government to **reclaim all federal public lands** within Oregon under the "eminent domain law." FA1.11 FA2.C.12

We believe that the **Bureau of Land Management** should be dissolved and all the lands under their management be given to the individual states. FA3.11

We believe that the **United States Forest Service** should be dissolved and all their public lands be given to the individual states. FA4.11

The Oregon State Grange supports the **return of ownership of Federal lands**, with the exception of National Parks and Military property to each of the 13 western states. FA2.A.12

The Oregon State Grange requests that the Oregon Legislature pass a **joint resolution in support of the Utah and Idaho lawsuits** seeking to use eminent domain against the Federal Government. FA2.B.12

## Statehood

The Oregon State Grange opposes **statehood for Puerto Rico** until Congress removes the mandated 435 seat cap from the House of Representatives in order to restore one Congress person for every thirty thousand people as their Representative per article 1, Section 2-3 of the U.S. Constitution. FA9.10

## Metric System

The State Grange supports the continued change over to the **Metric System**. FA7.89, FA7.17

## Driver's License

The Oregon State Grange opposes H.R. 4633, the **Driver's License Modernization Act** of 2002 (National I.D. cards) and any other similar legislation. FA1.03, FA1.08

The Oregon State Grange supports issuance of a **driver's license** with valid proof of a Social Security number. LE6.06, LE12.17

## Personal Information

The Oregon State Grange opposes any legislation in regards to the enacting of the use of **Full File Credit Reporting**. FA1.14

## Telecommunication Services

The Oregon State Grange lobby the government to enact full disclosure in **pricing of telecommunication services** whether wireless or ground based as they pertain to the area in which you live. **LE5.12**

The Oregon State Grange supports that **Satellite Television** customers have the freedom choose which local TV channels they want to watch if the stations are available to the Satellite company **UT01.14**

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. **UT1.01, UT3.17**

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**. **UT2.01, UT3.17**

The Oregon State Grange opposes the use of **telephone marketing**. **UT5.01, UT3.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to mandate programming of **ICE** (In Case of Emergency) in all cell phones by manufacturers. **UT2.07, UT3.17**

## Immigration

The Oregon State Grange is opposed to allowing **illegal immigrants** access to Oregon Drivers licenses. **LE1.08**

We support legislation requiring every employer in Oregon to use the **E-Verify Program**. **LE4.09**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would require the State of Oregon to support and enforce the **Federal Immigration Law** as it is currently written. **LE7.10**

We support state and federal legislation making it more difficult for illegal immigrants to continue to reside in the United States by vigorously enforcing its **immigration laws**. **FA8.11**

The Oregon State Grange supports the repeal of Senate Bill 833 that grants **driver privilege cards to illegal aliens**. **LE3.14**

## U.S. Constitution

We ask the U.S. Congress to protect our Bill of Rights by supporting the passage of H.R. 450 entitled "**The Enumerated Act**". **FA9.09**

The Oregon State Grange favors passage of an **amendment to the United States Constitution**, which provides that the "Congress shall make no law that applies to the citizens of the United States that does not apply equally to the Senators or Representatives; and Congress shall make no law that applies to the Senators or Representatives that does not apply equally to the citizens of the United States." **FA6.10**

We support the Declaration of Independence, Constitution of the United States, and its Bill of Rights, and urge all Grange members throughout the US to read the Constitution so they can **ask candidates** for public office if they have read it and whether they support it. **A06.11**

The Oregon State Grange requests the Oregon State legislature and Governor of the State of Oregon to **rely on the Tenth Amendment** and hereby reassert its sovereignty and powers not granted to the Federal Government by the US Constitution. **LE3.12**

The Oregon State Grange supports the **U.S. Constitution** and will oppose any Congressional effort to violate the Constitution. **FA6.07, FA7.17**

## Local Farms, Food and Jobs Act

The Oregon State Grange wants Oregon's Federal Legislators to co-sponsor the federal "Local Farms, Food and Jobs Act" and include its provisions in the Federal Farm bill. **FA2.13**

## Sesquicentennial Commemorative Coin

The Oregon State Grange urges and encourages all members to support the concept of the issuance of a **commemorative coin** and related memorabilia to honor the Grange. **Fa6.14**

## Executive Orders

The Oregon State Grange requests that the U.S. congress repeal the laws made by **Executive Orders**. If they will not so this, we request the Supreme Court, through judicial review, to rule against these Executive Orders becoming law. **FA2.15**

## Financial Affairs

### Taxes - Establishment, Collection, and Distribution

The Oregon State Grange is against all **taxes based on sales of products or services**. **LE7.16**

The Oregon State Grange supports having all **increases in public revenue** put to a vote in the affected jurisdictions. **LE5.08**

The Grange contends that all **wage garnishments** from any source or authority must be considered as a total sum and follow I.R.S. rules currently in place for I.R.S.-only garnishments. **FA10.09**

We support the increasing of the state **Earned Income Tax Credit** (EITC) from 6% to 12% of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit. **LE19.09**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to amend the Internal Revenue Code to impose a **securities transaction tax** on the sale or purchase of stocks, options, and futures. **FA11.10**

We oppose passage of a study to determine why voters do not want a **sales tax**. **LE5.11**

The Oregon State Grange supports the right of the county votes to set their own tax base. **LE6.15**

The Oregon State Grange supports **local control** of land assessments. These controls would be handled by locally nominated and elected tax assessors. **Le05.02, FIA4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports reasonable **income and property** taxes that do not penalize the farmer, the homeowner, or those on fixed incomes. **FIA4.17**

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**. **FIA4.17**

We support a tax credit of up to \$10,000 for a **first-time home buyer**. **FIA2.91, FIA4.17**

We support **Tax Policy** that:

1. Maintains agricultural and forestry property tax exemptions.
2. Opposes any sales or transaction tax. **FIA4.94, FIA4.17**

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. **6.81, LE12.92, FIA4.17**

We support a tax incentive program on **historical buildings** placed on the National Historic Register. **LE06.92, FIA4.17**

The Oregon State Grange believes that state-wide tax issues should be voted on in a **general election** rather than a special election. **16.83, FIA4.17**

The Oregon State Grange strongly opposes a **sales tax**. **FIA4.17**

The Oregon State Grange believes efforts should be made to **reduce government spending** rather than creating new taxes. **12.80, 4.82, 57.83, FIA5.91, FIA4.17**

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. **FIA3.01, FIA4.17**

The Oregon State Grange encourages the United States Congress to repeal the **federal death tax**. **FIA1.02, FIA4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports the Oregon **"Kicker" Law**. **LE12.06, FIA4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports revisions to the **PERS** system that will maintain the system's viability into the future. **LE9.02, LE9.17**

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. **LE5.05, LE9.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to regulate **payday loan interest rates**. **LE9.17**

Oregon State Grange opposes changes to or removal of tax exempt status of fraternal, charitable and religious non-profit organizations. **FIA1.17**

## **Banking Institutions, Governmental 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. **FIA1.99, FIA3.17**

## **County Fair Funding**

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. **FIA04.93, FIA3.17**

The Oregon State Grange seeks to provide an adequate and permanent source of **funding for county fairs in Oregon**. **LE9.99, FIA3.17**

We support **no cuts** to county fair appropriations. **LE13.93, FIA3.17**

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. **LE3.01, LE9.17**

## **Health and Welfare**

### **Penalties For the Use and Sale Of Illegal Drugs**

The Oregon State Grange reaffirms our position concerning the restrictions and regulations on the traffic, sale, penalties, and the use of addictive drugs. We believe that all health and educational facilities be urged to stress the dangers incurred by anyone who is, or may become, addicted to drug use. We support the principles of **'A Drug Free America'**, and we support public and private educational programs designed to deal with the issue of illegal drugs, and the misuse of legal drugs.

The State Grange believes that the importation, manufacturing, growing, and distributing of illegal drugs should be classified as **capital offenses** under state and federal statutes. We support legislation which

would require the courts to impose penalties equal to the penalty for pre-meditated murder, without the possibility of parole, for all persons convicted of the manufacture and/or distribution of any and all illegal drugs.

We would also favor legislation that would enact a ban on the **sale of paraphernalia** used with narcotics, and we believe a very stiff penalty should be levied to discourage these sales.

The State Grange goes on record in opposition to the **legalization of marijuana** in the state of Oregon.  
**73.80, 22.82, 8, 68, 69.86, HW6.89, LE4.90, LE4.14**

The Oregon State Grange strongly opposes any **marijuana stores or dispensaries near a grange hall** using the same zoning distances as schools or playgrounds in each jurisdiction. **LE3.15**

## 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. **68, 94.78, HW5.17**

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. **HW5.17**

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. **HW5.17**

## Health Care and Health Care Providers

The Oregon State Grange will work with other organizations to urge the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to reject proposals to increase **patient out-of-pocket costs and co-pays** for low-income beneficiaries under the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D). **HW3.16**

The Oregon State Grange Supports the **Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act**. **HW1.14**

We support the practice of allowing hospitals and emergency rooms to issue a prescription for short-term **handicapped parking permits**. **HW7.92, HW4.17**

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. **15, 57.77, HW4.17**

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. **HW3.89, HW4.17**

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. **46.76, HW4.17**

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. **HW1.97, HW4.17**

Oregon State Grange advocates for legislation supporting the **at-risk and disadvantaged senior** citizen population of Oregon rural counties. **HW2.17**

## 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. **23.83, 10.85, HW3.17**

## General Health

The Oregon State Grange will go on record to support WHO's (World Health Organizations') World **Mental Health Day** on October 10<sup>th</sup> of each year to help educate and support education on mental health. **HW1.15**

We urge increased spending on the **WIC/ Senior Farm Direct Program** to provide enough money to serve most eligible seniors and more eligible women and children to improve their health while also improving the farmers' livelihood in these economic hard times. **LE14.09**

The Oregon State Grange will introduce legislation to require mandatory **drug screening for newborn** children in Oregon. **HW1.12**

The Oregon State Grange will endorse the **MISSing Angels Bill (MAB) legislation** granting a parent the ability to apply to the State Department of Health for the certificate, know as a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth, for their child. **HW2.12**

## Firearms

The Oregon State Grange supports the right of the people to **keep and bear arms**, The Oregon State Grange will not support any gun laws that infringe upon these rights. **LE1.15**

We oppose passage of Congressional H.R. 45, entitled "**Blair Holt Firearm Licensing & Record of Sales Act of 2009**" and other gun acts before Congress that infringe upon our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Gun Rights and, if Congress will not reject these gun laws, we call upon the U.S. Supreme Court, through its judicial review process, to rescind these anti-gun laws. **FA8.09**

The Oregon State Grange supports the rights of gun owners with **concealed carry permits** to keep their personal information private. **LE4.12**

The Oregon State Grange opposes legislation that restricts **concealed carry** permit certified gun owners from carrying on public property. **LE6.12 LE6.12**

The Oregon State Grange supports the **Gun Confiscation and Registration Prevention Act**. **FA5.14**

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. **21.77, LE6.89, LE5.17**

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. **LE5.90, LE5.17**

## Crime, Victims of Crime, Criminal Sentences, and Parole

The Oregon State Grange advocates counseling for all family members until the guilt of innocence of the parent who is charged with child endangerment, sexual abuse, or kidnapping is determined. **HW2.15**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would change the law to have **charges expunged from the record** of a person when the charges are dropped or that person is found innocent of a crime in a court of law at no cost to the defendant. **LE4.08**

We endorse the establishment of a Criminal Justice Reform Commission to identify the systemic causes of **wrongful convictions** and actively work with the Innocent Project to Exonerate the Innocent and that the related criminal record for someone wrongly convicted of crime(s) be expunged. **LE11.09**

We encourage the Oregon Legislature to change the law so that records of **arrests not resulting in conviction shall only be available to law enforcement and officers of the court.** **LE1.15**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any policy that condones detention, interrogation, or military custody for persons considered to be **"suspected enemy belligerents."** **FA8.10**

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.** **4.88, LE1.90, LE4.17**

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. **LE4.17**

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. **LE4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports **child predators'** laws. **FA9.05, LE4.17**

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. **FA03, FA5.90, HW4.92, HW5.92, LE4.17**

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.** **LE7.04, LE4.17**

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. **LE2.01, LE4.17**

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. **LE4.17**

We continue to support Oregon **Stalking** laws. **LE14.93, LE4.17**

We support stricter punishment for **kidnapping.** **LE4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports holding **minor children** accountable for their criminal acts. **HW2.98, LE4.17**

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.** **HW1.01, LE4.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to ensure that **convicted felons are not allowed voting privileges** while they are still incarcerated. **LE16.06, LE4.17**

## Police Officers, Correction Officials and Criminal Facilities

We support legislation to require neighborhood and community notification before a **Secure Residential Treatment Facility (SRTF)** is sited and that the District Attorneys require the Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) to give them 30-day notification before a conditional release hearing is held and that the local DA be notified of placement in addition to the DA in the county where the trial was held. **LE21.09**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that when the responsible authorities issue a **no-contact order/Restraining** order to one party in a domestic disputes both parties are required to abide by the terms of the order. **LE1.12**

The Oregon State Grange is on record in support of 14355 North Bybee Lake Court, Portland, Oregon, Wapato Facility, to be considered a hospital and/or transition facility for the mentally ill, with trained and licensed staff for the care, treatment and stabilization of the mentally ill. **HW1.16**

The Oregon State Grange opposes budget cuts that would result in the reduction of the number of beds available to hold **serious juvenile offenders**. **LE6.17**

The Oregon State Grange lobbies for sufficient funding for the **Oregon Department of Corrections**. **LE8.92, LE6.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that protects **high value farm land** from being converted to **prison sites**. **LE8.97, LE6.17**

The Oregon State Grange favors a return to dedicated funding for the **Oregon State Police**. **LE10.06, LE6.17**

## Safety

We support a new or extended fence, barrier or blockade that will prevent people from going around to the dangerous points on **Cape Kiwanda**; the modification of signage at Cape Kiwanda to more appropriately reflect the significant dangers of the cliffs; that signs include a memorial for those who have lost their lives on the cape; and that information published on the Oregon State Parks website include appropriate safety warnings. **LE5.16**

## Insurance

### Insurance Coverage and Settlements

The Oregon State Grange supports a ban on the use of **credit reports** in determining insurance rates. **LE3.10**

The Oregon State Grange contact the Oregon Insurance Commissioner to work to restore **liability insurance** to cover all involved in flea markets, yard sales, bazaars, craft and growers' markets that are sponsored by the Grange. **FIA1.12**

The Oregon State Grange believes that the medical insurance industry and Medicare insurance to change the rules and cover **acupuncture treatment** as a means to manage pain in all Americans covered by insurance. **IN1.15**

The Oregon State Grange (OSG) encourages the Oregon State Legislature and US Congress to remove the obstacles **acupuncture** has encountered with insurance coverage. **50.81, IN1.17**

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**." **IN3.95, IN1.17**

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. **IN1.17**

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. **20.80, IN1.17**

The OSG supports requiring insurance companies **pay claims** within 45 days of receiving properly completed forms and bills. **HW2.01, IN1.17**

The OSG requests the American Medical Association, hospital insurance, private insurance, workers' compensation insurance and state and federally funded insurance to discontinue the use of the term **'recreational drugs.'** **HW7.01, IN1.17**

## Legislation

### Political Candidates, Ballot Measures, and Elections

We reaffirm our support of the **Initiative and Referendum process** and believe the Emergency Clause should be reserved for true emergencies, and we support efforts to limit the use of the Emergency Clause by our legislature. **LE3.16**

The Oregon State Grange favors changing the **Electoral College** process to allow each US Congressional District to cast its electoral vote for the presidential candidate that wins the majority vote of said district and that the two electoral votes per the US Senate be cast per the majority popular vote of the State. **LE6.01, LE1.15**

We endorse legislation that will require any citizen wishing to **register to vote** in Oregon to appear in person before a county elections office or local DMV Office and provide proof that they are a U.S. citizen, a resident of Oregon, and at least 17 years-of-age. **LE5.09**

The Oregon State Grange supports holding the Oregon State **Presidential Primary** Election on the second Tuesday of March. **LE7.00, LE10.17**

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. **LE10.17**

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. **LE10.17**

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. **LE10.17**

The Oregon State Grange will continue to work to retain and protect the **initiative petition process**. **LE10.17**

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. **LE7.95, LE10.17**

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. **3.77, 26.79, 30.84, 67.85, 27.88, LE7.89, LE3.92, LE4.97, LE10.17**

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. **65.79, 11.81, LE10.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports requiring the **Voters' pamphlet** be mailed at least 30 days prior to an election. **LE1.01, LE10.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports requiring citizens to **register twenty days** prior to an election to be eligible to vote. **LE10.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports making the State of Oregon an **open primary state**. **LE1.96, LE10.17**

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. **29.82, LE10.17**

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. **LE5.04, LE10.17**

Oregon State Grange supports legislation at all levels to require **political district boundaries** be drawn by a non-partisan commission with the goal of having simple boundaries representative of the population within. **LE1.17**

## **Regional and County Government, Appointed and Elected Officials (LCDC)**

The Oregon State Grange opposes the **merger of Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties** and the management of Clackamas County by the Metro Council. **LE4.11**

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. **LE11.17**

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. **LE5.02, LE11.17**

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. **LE11.17**

We further support having the elected officials in each district nominate three citizens from that district to the **LCDC Board**, one of which the Governor shall appoint. **LE6.98, LE11.17**

We ask the Oregon State Legislature and the Governor to **limit the duties and actions of LCDC** and reduce their budget accordingly. **LE6.95, LE11.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports the repeal and/or overhaul of **Oregon's Land Use Planning** process. **LE10.04, LE11.17**

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. **71.76, 65.80, 52.81, LE11.17**

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. **EE4.96, LE11.17**

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. **60.75, LE11.17**

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. **30.77, LE11.17**

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. **30.77, LE11.17**

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. **FA1.97, LE11.17**

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. **LE13.98, LE11.17**

## Dwellings

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**. **LE7.01, LE9.17**

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. **LE8.98, LE9.17**

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. **LE7.90, LE9.17**

## Private Property Rights

We are against the abrogation of **private property rights** and will use any means necessary to return and defend private property rights. **LE5.95, LE11.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports protecting the **private property rights** from eminent domain. **LE8.06, LE11.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports prohibiting **public access** on private property without the owner's consent and actively opposes any legislation to the contrary. **LE12.99, LE12.17**

## Regulations

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that lessens the unfair **regulatory burden on small rural businesses**. **LE5.10**

## Minimum Wage

We oppose any further increases in the **minimum wage** until current increases have been in effect for a minimum of three years. The OSG Legislative Committee is to prepare a report to the delegates on the economic impact of HB1532 (2016), which increased Oregon's minimum wage. The report to include labor participation rate, youth labor participation rate, rate of growth in the economy in the different regions of the state and other information to allow the delegates to revisit this issue with facts and information. **LE6.16**

## Unpopular Legislative 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. **LE2.92, LE12.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to permit non-profit organizations with an annual budget under \$30,000 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. **LE11.97, LE12.17**

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. **90.81, LE12.17**

We reaffirm our policy on the **separation of state and religion** in the public school system. **30.83, LE12.17**

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. **29.84, LE12.17**

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. **41.87, LE12.17**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any move to **ban religious programs** from airing on radio or television. **55.82, LE12.17**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any further attrition of the **Oregon Public Records Law**. **LE7.99, LE12.17**

## Miscellaneous Resolutions

The Oregon State Grange will support legislation calling for an organization/board/commission to organize events and to approve emblems, mascots, and insignia to be used to promote **Oregon's 150th birthday**; and that the organization/board/commission shall be made up of at least 9 members with at least 3 each appointed by the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House and at least 2 shall be members of an Oregon Grange. **LE6.02, GPA2.08**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation requiring **Mt. Hood climbers** to obtain a GPS locator device and file a plan before starting a climb, and if they do not, they will face a fine/penalty and the costs involved to locate and rescue them. **LE1.10**

We will lobby to restore the "Card Check" legislation bill and protect **workers' rights to form a union**. **LE9.11**

The Oregon State Grange support necessary actions that result in the formation of legislation designed to enforce and **implement the O&C Act on all O & C lands**. **LE2.12**

The Oregon State Grange endorses the efforts of the Oregon Retired Educators Association (OREA) to repair the **Criterion Schoolhouse** and sustain this building as a symbol of and tribute to Oregon public education. **ED8.17**

## Natural Resources

### Timber Resources and Logging Practices

The Oregon State Grange takes the position that continued **export of logs** from our state is not in the best interests of Oregonians. Such export activities should be stopped at the earliest possible date. We support legislation that would ban the exportation of raw logs, and ask that any timber company

disregarding this ban be prohibited from bidding on, or purchasing, any state or federal timber.

**81.78, NR3.89, NR Comm.14**

The Grange believes that all publicly owned forests should be strictly managed to protect and enhance all the interrelated values of the forest. Methods should be developed and practiced to allow timber logging, while taking into consideration the preservation and rejuvenation of the forest.

We support the **wise use** of all **natural resources**; that will require planning for sustained yields by the rotation of crops, encouraging the full and complete utilization of all blown down, fire damaged, and insect killed stands of timber, as well as logging debris from these harvesting activities.

**NR15.89, NR7.92, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange affirms its position that **grazing allotments** and timber sales should be considered in the interests of agriculture. The US Forest Service and the BLM should maximize the use of grazing and timber resources on public lands. These resources should be protected from overuse, and when considering conflicting uses, these agencies should allow the use that will best support the local, state and federal economy.

**41.76, 18.88, NR2.04, NR Comm.14**

We also believe that no federal or state land that is considered forestry land should be included in any **land swaps or sales** if under protective legislation.

The Oregon State Grange urges Congress to oppose the **sale of public assets**. Every effort should be made to retain, protect and develop all of the public domain in the best long-term interests of the people of the United States.

**30.86, 66.87, NR17.89, NR5.90, NR Comm.14**

We believe that the US Forest Service should not buy or acquire **private land** and take it off the tax roll.

**FA3.94, NR Comm.14**

We encourage timely and expeditious **salvage** of insect diseased and wildfire killed or damaged timber to prevent further deterioration of timber value and reduce wildfire hazard. We also encourage the use of all silvicultural practices in timber management to harvest, thin, reforest and otherwise manage forest lands, encourage timber management activities be conducted so as to protect basic soil and water resources and to insure reforestation of commercial timber species to meet or exceed the Oregon State Forest Practices requirement.

**NR4.95, NR2.05, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange favors the following **timber harvesting** practices:

1. Logging of all available burned or bug killed trees in fire damaged areas be done;
2. Construction of any new roads into timber stands be held to a minimum, and;
3. New seeding of grass and trees be accomplished as soon as possible.

The Oregon State Grange supports the repeal of **diameter limitation rules** when harvesting timber.

**Ag5.03, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to require any person or group appealing a Forest Service, BLM or Oregon State Forestry timber sale post a **bond equal to 50% of the value** of the timber sale.

**Ag4.04, Ag5.04, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange support legislation that would curtail any additional **wilderness designation** in the Mt. Hood National Forest.

**Ag10.04, NR Comm. 14**

## **Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)**

We support the Oregon State **Board of Forestry** acting as the policy making and supervisory organ of the State Forestry Department.

**74.81, NR Comm.14**

We believe the Oregon State Board of Forestry should move their boundaries back to the December 1993 boundaries. We feel that the 1991 Forest Practices Act should be removed entirely.

We encourage the Forest Service and BLM to return to the original intent of the **Taylor Grazing Act**.

NR9.89, NR Comm.14

We encourage the repeal of the **Wild Horse and Burro Law**. The Grange believes that BLM should be allowed to sell horses that have been gathered each year, when homes can't be found.

77.78, NR Comm.14

We will actively petition the Oregon State Legislature and Governor to support and pass legislation assuring the right of County Government to exercise **management control of public lands** within county boundaries should the counties choose to manage these lands themselves. We propose to introduce a ballot initiative to this effect to be voted on by the people if the Legislature and Governor fail to take prompt action.

LE9.95, NR Comm.14

We believe the State of Oregon should attempt to **regain control of all Federal lands** within its boundaries claimed by the US Government not covered by the Constitution of the United States.

FA4.94, NR Comm.14

We will actively and vigorously petition the Oregon State Legislature, Governor and Oregon Congressional Delegation to support the '**sagebrush rebellion**', regain control of the state's destiny, gain ownership of all federally managed public lands within its boundaries not authorized for federal control in the US Constitution and to initiate appropriate legislation to revert control of these public lands to the state. We will support a ballot initiative to this effect to be voted on by the people.

Le10.95, NR Comm.14

We will endorse **research** to provide Forest Managers, woodland owners, other forestry professionals, and the public with an understanding of better forest management.

NR5.95, NR Comm.14

The Oregon State Grange opposes the **mineral withdrawals** from the Siskiyou National Forest and surrounding Bureau of Land Management Lands.

NR3.01, NR Comm.14

We support establishing a maximum two-year administrative deadline during which the Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service is to formulate a **recovery plan** and hear all appeals concerning this recovery plan for portions of the National Forests which are damaged by fire.

Ag1.09, NR Comm.14

## **Wilderness, Recreation, and Wild and Scenic River Areas**

The Grange asks for the removal of all **private property** from National Recreation Areas and Wild and Scenic River Areas. We are opposed to the designation of any additional acreage to these areas, as well as to Federal Wilderness Areas.

We oppose the **McKenzie River Quality and Recreation Initiative Ordinance**, and any similar ordinances that might be applied to other rivers in the State of Oregon because it usurps private property rights.

NR2.92, NR Comm.14

We are also opposed to the addition of rivers and small streams to the **Scenic Waterways Act**. We believe that economic development should be a prime consideration in making any additions to said Act.

The Oregon State Grange opposes the selection of the Willamette River as an American **Heritage River**. We further support working with other concerned groups that are attempting to prevent the Willamette River from becoming an American Heritage River.

NR2.98, NR Comm.14

The Grange supports legislation that would permit the **construction of roads** into Wilderness Areas, as well as other road less areas of Oregon. These roads would permit the harvest of damaged timber, provide for future fire suppression, aid in search and rescue operations and be used for emergency evacuation purposes.

75, 77.88, NR Comm.14

We oppose bills which would set up trust funds for federal, state, and local governments to **purchase private property** for recreational facilities or to conduct land use planning. **NR13.89, NR Comm.14**

The State Grange strongly supports **separate funding** for the expenditure on solid waste disposal and recycling programs and for the purchase of private lands for exclusive use of wildlife under the Oregon Resource Conservation Trust Fund, and ask that widespread hearings be conducted to obtain public input on these expenditures. **NR1.92, NR Comm.14**

## Oregon Parks and National Parks

The Oregon State Grange opposes making **Steens Mountain** into a National Monument. **NR2.00, NR Comm.14**

We oppose the creation of the **Owyhee Canyonlands Monument**, whether by Congress or by Executive Order of the President. **FA5.16**

## Use of our Water Resources

The Oregon State Grange requests the governor and the Water Resources Board, to make every effort to require companies to share with the state **geological knowledge** resulting from their explorations. This would aid the Water Resources Board in their efforts to study the underground water resources of our state.

The Oregon State Grange is in opposition to the role of the Water Resources Commission to establish and enforce the **allotments of waters** in the streams of Oregon.

The Grange formally opposes any and all filing for **water rights** by the State of Oregon as unfair and unwarranted competition with the private sector. Also, any permitted filing by the state be performed under the same historic priority rules which have traditionally and do now govern water right filings by non-governmental entities. Further, any and all water rights issued to the State of Oregon have a prerequisite, objective, economic and social impact analysis of the proposed water use, and that public hearings be held in the geographic area where the water being appropriated is located.

We also urge members of the Legislature to bring pressure to bear upon the State Water Master to sharply curtail the **use of deep wells for irrigation**, especially where there is no possibility of replacement supplies from river sources. We urgently request curtailment of further drilling permits for unlimited use of deep wells for irrigation, especially in areas of the state of Oregon where there is an indication of depleting the existing underground supply of fresh, clean water

**94.81, 40.87, 9.80, NR2.92, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange strongly opposes the Oregon Water Resource Departments' proposed \$1.00 per acre-foot, per year, fee structure. In the event **water fees** are authorized, all funds shall be forwarded to the State Treasury for proper appropriation by the State Legislature. **NR6.92, NR Comm.14**

The Grange would support legislation that forever nullifies the State Land Boards claims of **navigability** in our state. The sole purpose of navigability is used as a determination to enable the state to take possession of the riverbeds and banks to the high water mark. We see no public good that would accrue to the people of Oregon through state possession of these riverbeds and banks.

**120.82, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange requests the Oregon State Legislature and the Oregon Department of State Lands **cease and desist from reclassifying any waters in Oregon as "navigable"**. **TR3.08, NR Comm.14**

We believe that the **River Basin Planning** effort should be redirected toward coordinated resource planning, with local SWCD designated as co-leader for this effort, along with the Strategic Water Planning Committee. **4.85, NR Comm.14**

We favor continuing the current method of **snow surveys**. These methods do not include electronic monitoring devices. We believe that these electronic devices have not been proven successful, and the present method is very cost effective. **39.80, NR Comm.14**

We strongly support the '**prior appropriation**' doctrine as the basis for water law in Oregon.

**NR2.93, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports laws that keep **water rights** as a part of the land.

**AG8.04, NR Comm.14**

We believe that **below-surface ground water** belongs to the people who own the land.

**AG3.07, NR Comm.14**

We oppose leasing, renting, or selling of adjudicated **water rights** and will work with Oregon State Legislators to repeal any water law that permits leasing, renting, or selling of adjudicated water rights.

**NR6.95, NR Comm.14**

The Grange supports the **Milltown Hill Dam** as a shovel-ready project for securing necessary funding to construct the dam.

**NR1.07, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange oppose any **domestic well water metering requirement, and any per gallon or well registration fee** associated with the domestic well water metering proposal by the Oregon Water Resources Department, Oregon Water Resources Commission, or any other entity.

**AG3.12, NR Comm.14**

We promote the concept that **water and the water cycle** should be managed and protected as a resource not limited to power production, but necessary for life itself.

**EE1.16, NR Comm.14**

## **Watersheds**

The Oregon State Grange strongly supports **Bull Run Trespass Act**.

We reaffirm the present State Grange policy of declaring the Bull Run and Little Sandy Watersheds a **National Resource Area** and we must continue writing our city, county, state and federal agencies, stressing the need to protect our natural water resources.

**2.87, 32.88, NR3.92, NR Comm.14**

The State Grange will work for the **access roads** into the Gordon Creek watershed, area of Larch Mountain, Columbia Gorge District, Mt. Hood National Forest, to have gates installed and locked. This will discourage public entry and dumping in the watershed of the Corbett Water District.

**NR4.92, NR Comm.14**

The Grange opposes **clear cutting** of timber in the Willow Creek Watershed. We feel that the trees in this area are vital to future of this watershed, and that clear cutting would eliminate tree stands for the next 30 to 60 years.

**25.80, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange participate in the TMDL **water quality rule** making process in Oregon and advocate for legislation and/or rules that will not only help protect the waters of the state, but also provide the agriculture and natural resource producers the ability to continue in their businesses without excessive regulatory requirements that cost them unacceptable time and money. **AG6.12, NR Comm.14**

## **The Columbia Gorge, Columbia River, and Their Resources**

The Oregon State Grange opposes the movement by our Federal Congressmen and government to place the Columbia Gorge under their control. We go on record in opposition to any plan which would give the federal government control over the development of the **Columbia River Gorge**.

The Grange urges full cooperation between Oregon and Washington State to work out a program that would best protect the present state of the **Gorge** for future generations.

**103-82, 28-86, 77.81, NR Comm.14**

We are opposed to any attempts to **divert the waters** of the Columbia River, as well as the Snake River, to states not along their banks.

**38.80, 83.81, NR Comm.14**

The Grange strongly supports any **lock project** proposed at the **Bonneville Dam** which would enlarge or update the locks. This would ensure that there would no longer be a bottleneck in the transportation of produce from the Pacific Northeast to Pacific ports. We further feel that the Bonneville Locks are one of the most important issues facing the wheat industry, and we resolve to continue encouraging the appropriation of funds, through Congress, to complete the construction of the locks as soon as possible. **25.81, 44.88, NR Comm.14**

We will work with legislators to help convince the Oregon Department of Transportation and the ICC, to assure the lowest possible cost of transportation for agriculture commodities. Our concern is activated by the **drawdown of water** tables of the Snake and Columbia Rivers. **TR4.92, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports initiating **salmon recovery projects** such as those in the Umatilla River in Oregon, the Clearwater River in Idaho and the Hanford Reach in Washington.

We support continuation of **barging of fish** around the dams.

We further support giving consideration to the **economic impact** of this action on industry and agriculture. **NR3.99, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange opposes the **breaching of** the lower Snake River **dams** and all dams on the Columbia River. **FA5.99, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that will give the Native American Tribes on the Columbia River the opportunity to operate some of the **hatcheries** on the Columbia River. **NR3.00, NR Comm.14**

## Ocean and Stream Fish Resources

The Oregon State Grange opposes the ratification of "**The Law of the Sea Treaty**". **FA4.05, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange believes a higher priority should be placed on the rehabilitation and maintenance of the Coho resources, since the **Coho Salmon** fishing industry is a part of the basic economy in Oregon. We further support efforts to reduce the numbers of seals and sea lions which are now threatening our salmon and steelhead runs. **19.85, NR14.89, NR Comm.14**

We resolve to work with Congress and the President of the United States, to stop the use of **drift nets** in our country's waters, as well as international waters. Also the penalties for illegal harvesting of sea life should be made more severe. **NR7.90, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange strongly requests the legislature to continue funding for the Rock Creek Fish **Hatchery** as a part of the biennial budget for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. **NR1.01, NR Comm.14**

The Grange opposes reducing general fund for **fish propagation** and increasing hunting and fishing license fees. **NR5.03, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange encourages the State of Oregon to establish a policy to allow licensed anglers to **dip net** the **excess salmon** near the hatcheries, similar to the policy for the excessive return of salmon in Alaska. We oppose clubbing excess hatchery salmon. **NR5.00, NR Comm.14**

## Game, Game Management, and Hunting

The Oregon State Grange is opposed to a ban on snare and **leg hold traps** in Oregon. We are in favor of trapping to protect livestock and our livelihoods. **1.80, NR Comm.14**

The Grange asks that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission initiate a management practice that will insure that the species of bear, indigenous to the northeast portion of our state, will survive. We do not believe that dogs for **hunting of bear** should be used in this area, and ask that it be banned, except in a case of emergency. **39.85, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports efforts to return to the use of dogs and bait for **hunting cougars and bears** under the direction of the Department of Fish & Wildlife. **AG4.96, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange urges that regulation of the **cougar and bear** populations within the State of Oregon be turned over to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife which has the expertise and knowledge needed to successfully control these populations in order to promote the safety of human life and livestock herds as well as to preserve the establishment of game animals within the state. **EE5.98, NR Comm. 4**

The Oregon State Grange shall actively work to change the law to allow hunters to use dogs to control **cougar, bear, fox and coyote populations** under direction of the Oregon State Department of Fish and Wildlife. **EE2.02, LE5.03, NR Comm.14**

We believe that there should be no regular type of **hunting season** allowed in eastern Oregon during the rut season. **41.85, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange shall support legislation requiring a surcharge of \$10.00 or 10% whichever is greater, be added to all fines or assessments resulting from a conviction of **poaching**. Such surcharge to be dedicated to the funding of advanced Hunter Education. **EE3.92, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports revision of applicable Oregon State Statutes to allow for humane **dispatch of wildlife** injured by vehicles within the State of Oregon. We further support authorizing the operator and other occupants of said vehicles to salvage all usable parts of said wildlife, provided that notification to law enforcement authorities of such action be given within a period of 12 hours after dispatch of said animal. **EE1.98, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any effort to list the **coyote** as a protected game animal; and will vigorously oppose legislation to list the coyote as a protected game animal. We will work with and cooperate with other groups to fight any and all attempts to list the coyote as a protected game animal. **EE3.98, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange is opposed to introduction and migration of **wolves and wolf hybrids** in Oregon. **NR4.00, NR4.03, NR Comm.14**

## Preservation of Oregon Beaches

The Grange declares its conviction that the **public beaches** of Oregon are, and must remain, the property of the people. **36.88, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange shall work for the adoption of a '**Wreck Removal Act**' as recommended in the New Carissa Review Committee Report, which would create vessel owner liability for removal of abandoned and wrecked ships from Oregon beaches. **LE8.00, NR Comm.14**

## Energy Resources

The Grange supports increased efforts by the National Grange to encourage U.S. Agriculture to help solve our depleting energy resources. **NR1.06, NR Comm.14**

The Grange opposes the ratification of the **United Nations Kyoto Protocol Treaty**, regarding energy omissions. **NR3.06, NR Comm.14**

## Fossil Fuels

The Oregon State Grange supports the passage of laws mandating the development of known petroleum resources and the exploration for new resources in the territories of the United States with the goal of **oil independence**. **FA3.08, NR Comm.14**

The Oregon State Grange support rules for the siting of **Liquefied Natural Gas Port Terminals** that will insure citizen input regulating route selection, depth of pipeline and pipeline easements which will allow maximum use of the land above the pipeline. **UT1.08, NR Comm.14**

# Transportation

## 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. **TR3.17**

## Motor Fuels and Taxes

The Oregon State Grange requests gasoline without **corrosive additives** be made available statewide and oppose any further additives unless they reduce emissions and have no adverse effect on the mileage or function of vehicles. **TR1.08**

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. **113.88, LE2.89, TR4.17**

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. **TR2.89, TR4.17**

We also favor the return of **federal gas tax monies** to the states for highway construction and repair before the gas tax is raised. **58.76, 92.88, LE1.97, TR4.17**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any legislation to impose **emission standards** of California in Oregon. **NR3.05, TR4.17**

## Vehicle Regulations and Fees

We are opposed to the **increased vehicle registration and title fees** enacted by Gov. Theodore Kulongoski in his Jobs and Transportation Act of 2009. **TR3.09**

We believe ODOT should consider posting the **same maximum speed limits** on our highways for all vehicles, where appropriate. **TR1.16**

We support legislation that would **prohibit text messaging while driving in Oregon**. **LE2.09**

We believe that owners should be given the option of keeping their **original license plates** when purchasing a different automobile. **TR1.10**

The Oregon State Grange supports that all **bicycle riders/operators** over the age of 15 year old must study and prove knowledge of rules and safety practices on public roads and shall be licensed. All bicycles would be licensed; a license plate or tag would be attached to the bicycle. And that the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles be authorized to manage and enforce the licensing of bicycles and the licensing of bicycle operator over the age of 15 in the state of Oregon. **LE5.14**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any **road tax user fee** based on mileage. **UT1.05, UT6.17**

The Oregon State Grange favors legislation to force all auto and truck manufacturers and remanufacturers to keep **vehicle headlights** within the original manufacturer's specifications and that all add-ons and repair jobs follow the rule by law. **TR1.01, TR6.17**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to require **headlights** to be on anytime a vehicle is in operation. **TR1.98, TR6.17**

We favor stricter enforcement of bicyclists staying in the **bike lane** where it is available to them. **TR5.95, TR6.17**

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**. **TR1.96, TR6.17**

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. **LE7.03, TR6.17**

## Road Hazards and Road Work

We believe that when **slow moving vehicle signs** are being used as driveway signs (state law states that they are only to be used on slow moving vehicles) that any state, county or local police entity may put a warning note on the sign that they be removed or the next time will result in a fine. **TR1.09**

We ask that all **school zones** be clearly marked. **TR3.95, TR5.17**

We urge the placement of **permanent fog markers** on all state and county roads in Oregon at the time any paving work is done. **TR5.91, TR5.17**

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. **71.88, TR5.17**

We are not in favor of creating a **Scenic Corridor Byway** on Highway 101 from Astoria to Gold Beach. **LE3.95, TR5.17**

The State Grange supports the '**Adopt-A-Highway**' bill and urges incorporating it into community projects **TR5.92, TR5.17**

## General Transportation Concerns on Roads and Rivers

We support enactment of legislation that would mandate that all motor vehicles beginning with the 2012 production year and thereafter be equipped with headlights that remain on when the vehicle is in operation. **TR5.09**

The Oregon State Grange requests that the Oregon State Government and the United State Congress build a new **Merlin-Gold Beach highway** for the people of Oregon and its out-of-state visitors. **TR2.10**

The Oregon State Grange lobby to require all auto makers to provide seatbelts on future models that can be easily fastened by all people, no matter their size of physical ability **TR1.14**

The Oregon State Grange requests the Oregon Department of Transportation address the Oregon Hwy. 224 and Carver Bridge intersection with the installation of a traffic light. **TR3.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports stricter enforcement of current laws regarding **excessive tire widths** for cars and light trucks. **TR2.98, TR2.17**

The Oregon State Grange rigorously opposes the conversion of any existing roads to **toll roads**. **TR6.99, TR2.17**

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. **TR4.01, TR2.17**

The Oregon State Grange urges ODOT, Mid-Willamette Valley Area Transportation Commission and Marion County to fund and implement project #19062 – The **Donald/Aurora Interchange** on I-5 exit 278. **TR1.17**

## Railroads

The Oregon State Grange urges the legislature of the State of Oregon to withdraw all support of the **Rails to Trails Act**.

The Oregon State Grange support efforts by municipalities to operate abandoned rail lines for commerce. **TR4.08**

We advocate **long distance shipping by rail** as a way to reduce our dependence on oil, both foreign and domestic. **TR1.11**

The Oregon State Grange shall support the efforts on a federal level to increase **railroad safety** standards for the shipment of oil and require the use of safer tank cars. **TR5.14**

## Veterans

The Oregon State Grange requests that the Veterans Portland Medical Center provide a mobile medical unit equipped to handle the needs of our **female Veterans** to serve Veterans in rural Oregon. **HW2.10**

The Oregon State Grange informs its members of the "Governor's Task Force Study of the Transportation of Veterans of Rural Oregon" and supports legislation that will **improve transportation of veterans in rural areas** of Oregon. **TR3.10**

We support construction of a proposed **Veterans Home** in Roseburg, Oregon and additional veteran's homes as needed. **LE2.11**

The Oregon State Grange Lobby for veterans and their families to be given **preference when applying for low-income housing**. This includes Federal/State subsidized housing developments, weather government or private. **VT2.12**

The Oregon State Grange supports making **medical records available to the service members** at the time of separation. **VT1.13**

The Oregon State Grange supports the 2% of **Oregon lottery funds** be designated and made available to the not-for-profit organizations that serve veterans. **LE2.14**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation requiring the VA to assume that any World War II veteran that presents with any symptom linked with mustard gas exposure to be approved for veteran's health benefits within 180 days of the Department of Veterans Affairs receiving application for health benefits dues to their exposure. **VT1.15**

We support dedicating a portion of Oregon Lottery monies to fund Oregon Veterans programs and services. **VT1.16**

The Oregon State Grange supports **funding for our veterans** for appropriate rehabilitation assistance. **FA15.06, VT2.17**

The Oregon State Grange believes that the U.S. Congress should adequately fund all **Veterans Hospitals** and Medical Centers. **HW2.89, HW1.9, VT2.17**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any reduction in the funding of the Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs from Oregon's General Fund and supports the addition of the **1.5% Oregon Lottery Funds** to be used for the benefit of our veterans. **VT1.17**