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The number after each policy identifies the committee the resolution was assigned to, the resolution's number, and year it was adopted. For example, in **AG5.92** AG means Agriculture committee, 5 means it was AG's fifth resolution, and 92 means this happened in 1992. Other committees are: ED Education, EE Environment & Ecology, ENR Energy, FA Federal Affairs, FIA Financial Affairs, HW Health & Welfare, IN Insurance, LE Legislation, NR Natural Resources, TR Transportation, UT Utilities, and VT Veterans.

Reaffirmed.21 means the resolution was expiring due to the 10-year sunset rule but was reaffirmed by the delegates without edits or amendment.

Per #12 of the Standing Rules of the State Grange, "at each annual State Session a report on the current status of resolutions adopted at the previous State Session will be made to the delegates."

Agriculture

Policy Statements

- Agriculture is the oldest recorded commercial enterprise known to man. While it is no longer number one, it supports, directly or indirectly, a large share of the state's employment. Forestry provides a close second to commercial agriculture. Recreation is also important, and it is dependent on both Agriculture and Forestry. Agricultural crops, livestock, and wood products are also renewable resources unlike some other industries. Agriculture, forestry, and recreation all require inputs of 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.

AG1.24

Support these Broad Agricultural and Forestry Activities

- Flexibility in farm programs to support family owned and operated farms at minimum public expense.
- Allowing farmers to reestablish their proven yields.
- Commodity loan rates set at or near cost of production.
- Costs of programs mandated by the federal or state government will be borne or at least cost-shared by the mandating government.
- The Oregon Departments of Agriculture and Fish and Wildlife be given adequate authority and resources 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.
- Cooperation with other organizations to present a solid front in support of farm, forestry, and livestock production - especially by family owned and operated farms.
- Multiple sustainable uses of public lands for grazing, timber, and recreation.
- Truth-in-Labeling of U.S. grown agricultural products.
- That each state enact laws to protect the viability and sustainability of its land and local agriculture.
- That Oregon regulate urbanization and other development to conserve and sustain its soils, farms, and forests to provide for future generations.

- That economically viable alternatives be developed before critical agricultural inputs are restricted for non-safety reasons such as climate change.
- That critical infrastructure such as ports, dams, navigation locks, and hydropower generators be maintained and modernized to maintain the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturing, agricultural and forestry sectors, and minimize impacts on the natural environment.
- That state and federal regulations of farm practices be administered by the various departments of agriculture.
- That federal and state regulations support 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.

AG2.24

Family Farms

I. Water

- Support legislation that provides flow rights by priority dates of applications while respecting needs of tribes and wildlife. The oldest rights having priority and places in-stream water right applications on hold when stream flows are being exceeded by existing water rights.
- Support the establishment of additional off-stream water storage facilities and aquifer recharge areas.
- Support regulations requiring measurement and reporting of water usage in basins with water shortages. Support taxpayer cost sharing for required measuring devices.

AG3.24

II. Soil

- Support defining "Wetlands" as used by the legislature to not include prior converted wetlands and not include isolated wetland areas smaller than one acre.
- Support taxing agricultural and forestry lands outside of urban growth boundaries on the basis of agricultural or forestry use value.
- When agricultural and forestry planning are being considered by planning agencies, intensively managed small horticultural and nursery ownerships be given equal consideration with more extensive field cropping.
- Support reasonable regulations limiting soil erosion.

AG4.24

The Oregon State Grange encourage and support Oregon's individual Granges to engage in community composting operations to help grow food in local soils and manage food waste sustainably.

CO1.24

III. Air

- Support air, smoke, dust, and carbon control measures that consider the most economical and expeditious means of reducing pollution while maintaining agricultural competitiveness.
- 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.
- Support agricultural brush burning until an economically feasible alternative is developed. **AG5.24**

IV. Grain Storage, Handling and Transportation

- Support active port terminals and storage facilities for export and import of grains and forestry products along the Columbia River.
- Support on-farm storage facilities for grains.
- 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.
- 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. **AG6.24**

V. Livestock

- Oppose the importation of meat, dairy, and fish products that do not meet U.S. Food and Drug standards of the same domestic products.
- Oppose any change in current USDA inspection laws that would weaken the inspection standards for fish, fowl, pork, beef, lamb, or other meat products. **AG7.24**

The Oregon State Grange supports a moratorium on the construction of new Large Scale concentrated Animal Feeding Operations until criteria are established regarding allowable proximity to schools towns, and waterways, and mandating adequate management of traffic, waste, dust, and other factors. **LE12.23**

VI. Chemicals

- Support county, state, and federal legislation to cost share with landowners for control and containment of noxious weeds. Any legislation that is enacted should require public agencies to control weeds on the lands they are managing.
- Support county, state, and federal legislation that would permit timely use of chemical controls to eradicate exotic pests on an emergency basis. **AG8.24**

VII. Forestry

- 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.
- Support timely and expeditious harvesting of fire- and insect-damaged timber that maintains timber value and reduces fire hazards. **CO2.24**

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.

CO3.24

Environment, Conservation, and Natural Resources Policy

Farm Land and Forest Land

The Oregon State Grange opposes governmental condemnation of agricultural acreage for the purpose of setting up recreational and environmental areas.

AG9.24

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would prevent condemnation of water rights from agriculture to supply rural and/or industrial development with water and, if water is unavailable, 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, AG9.24

The Oregon State Grange favors establishment of definite criteria that clearly and properly defines and identifies what constitutes 'Secondary Lands' and under what conditions additional uses would be permitted thereon, as applied to forestry and agriculture lands; also, that public comments be solicited in establishing the criteria to be used in this identification.

LE8.24

The Oregon State Grange favors a strong 'Right to Farm' law.

TU3.24

The Oregon State Grange supports a policy that protects and preserves for agricultural use any property in excess of two acres and restricts partitions in an Exclusive Farm Use zone.

TU3.24

The Oregon State Grange supports the Open Range Law, and seeks support for legislation that would compel rural counties within the State of Oregon to post reminder signs along county roads at 5-mile increments stating, "Open Range Area" and also require the Oregon Department of Transportation to post reminder signs along Interstate 84 from Gilliam County to the Idaho State line at 20-mile increments stating, "Open Range Area." The Oregon State Grange also urges the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles to emphasize the Open Range Law in its Motor Vehicle Drivers Handbook.

TU3.24

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

The Oregon State Grange supports the **maintenance of the Exclusive Farm Use zone** for farms and opposes allowing additional non-farm uses in the EFU zone.

AG1.21

The Oregon State Grange opposes and bills which would result in moving any or all Soil and Water Conservation Districts to a completely at-large director election system. **CO1.23**

Irrigation

The Oregon State Grange supports the concept that **agricultural use of water** continues to be considered as a beneficial use of the waters of Oregon. Also, Oregon statutes recognize water used for agricultural food production and processing to be identified as beneficial uses equal to fish, wildlife, recreation, and other environmental water uses. **62.84, AG4.92, AG Comm.14, AG10.24**

The Oregon State Grange urges the Oregon State Water Resources Department to consider the needs of the Oregon farmers when making their decisions concerning **minimum stream flow**, and fish and wildlife uses. The Oregon State Grange also urges cooperation from all agencies and tribal government to provide for the needs of farmers, as well as those of fish and wildlife. **AG10.24**

The Oregon State Grange supports 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. **AG10.24**

The Oregon State Grange urges the State of Oregon to amend its "exempt use" water rules to include the use of up to 5,000 gallons per day from domestic wells for irrigation of commercial agricultural crops. **AG18.24**

Chemicals, Vegetation Control, and Pests

The Oregon State Grange strongly opposes a ban on the use of **Sodium Nitrite**. **AG11.24**

The Oregon State Grange supports invasive insect prevention and management to protect Oregon's agriculture, horticulture, environment, and quality of life from damaging insects using best management practices. **AG11.24**

The Oregon State Grange favors allowing **field burning** by growers of fine fescue and some other varieties that require such burning to yield well, until such time as an established and effective alternative for purifying the fields is sanctioned by these farmers, and the Oregon Department of Agriculture. **AG11.24**

The Oregon State Grange supports a two-tier law **protecting livestock** from dogs. 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. **Ag11.24**

The Oregon State Grange supports strict **Dog Control laws** with adequate enforcement. The Oregon State Grange also supports stiff penalties for those delinquent on restitution imposed by the court system. **AG11.24**

The Oregon State Grange firmly believes that ranchers should be allowed to kill a **wolf** that is killing or threatening to kill any livestock or pet and supports any legislation that would allow such. **AG11.244**

The Oregon State Grange supports efforts to mitigate livestock loss as well as elk and deer population reductions due to **wolves in Oregon**. **AG11.24**

The Oregon State Grange wants 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. **AG11.24**

The Oregon State Grange supports 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. **AG11.24**

Neonicotinoid insecticides should be available only to certified and licensed applicators. **AG5.17, AG8.19**

The Oregon State Grange encourages research by Oregon State University in cooperation with OSU Extension to develop highly effective, low cost technologies to control ground squirrels and other damaging rodents in Oregon farmland. **AG2.18**

The Oregon State Grange supports a moratorium on dicamba use in the state of Oregon to prevent use by farmers combatting glyphosate-resistant weeds. **AG3.18**

The Oregon State Grange reaffirms our support for legislation to add neonicotinoids to the current list of 500 Restricted Use Pesticides and call for requiring anyone applying a product containing these pesticides to receive training and become licensed as a pesticide applicator. **AG8.19**

We support legislation that strictly regulates the aerial application of all herbicides and pesticides on all state lands in Oregon. **AG9.19**

The Oregon State Grange supports education and promotes legislation and/or executive action prohibiting the use of glyphosate-containing products on public properties. **LE14.19**

Foreign Aid and the Importation of Agricultural Products

The Oregon State Grange supports regulations and, if needed to maintain a domestic industry, **tariffs** on imported agricultural products. The Oregon State Grange urges that **grain exports** be kept to a level where they do not jeopardize our domestic needs. **AG12.24**

The Oregon State Grange opposes the **importation of agricultural products** that have been produced using products such as veterinary products or pesticides not approved for use in the United States. **AG12.24**

The Oregon State Grange supports the **Foreign Agricultural Investment Disclosure Act**. **AG12.24**

Domestic Agricultural Aid

The Oregon State Grange supports 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 interrelated, careful consideration must be made of the economic impact on all commodities when a major change in any policy is made. **AG13.24**

The Oregon State Grange recognizes the problems of the small seed producer of non-hybrid seeds, and the State Grange strongly supports legislation, and/or programs short of subsidies, which would help the small independent **seed producer**. **AG13.24**

The Oregon State Grange supports the "right to repair" and opposes any manufacturer's policy to restrict the sale of needed parts, tools, diagnostic information, and software, to only their dealers' repair shops. **AG5.20**

Inspections and Labeling

Oregon State Grange:

supports strict and robustly enforced inspection standards in the USDA's **poultry inspection** program.

supports strict **National Organic Standards** enforced by the USDA informed by 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.

supports laws requiring all fertilizer manufacturers to **list all ingredients** in their products and **and** all fertilizer manufacturers using recycled products plainly list them as recycled materials.

shall work to pass legislation which would require that all imported food 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 Grown in the USA or similar label is meat from animals that were born, raised, and processed in the United States.

asks that all products containing monosodium glutamate (**MSG**) in any form be labeled 'includes MSG' either as an ingredient or after the listed ingredient which contains or causes MSG.

encourages Oregon retail outlets to promote and use "**Grown in Oregon**" labels.

supports the industry accepted **cattle identification system**.

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.

supports legislation to require **labeling of foods and seeds** that contain GMOs.

supports the National Grange's request that the U.S. Congress hold producers of **terminator seeds** liable if the genes they introduce spread to other non-GMO plants.

LE9.24

The Oregon State Grange strongly supports a **State Meat Inspection Program**, with health and safety requirements that insure safe products for consumers.

AG3.21

[The Oregon State Grange asks that] The National Grange request the U.S. Congress to pass a law banning the drug Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH) being used in cows in the United States. And if rBGH does not get banned, then The National Grange 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 (rBGH).

AG16.24

Farming Practices

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, AG14.24

The Oregon State Grange supports programs that would develop **ethanol**, biodiesel, or any other commercial type of fuel from surplus grain or other agricultural products or by-products. **AG14.24**

The Oregon State Grange believes Grange members should become involved in any open discussion of Agriculture through **public forums**. The State Grange shall encourage such participation by informing members of pending opportunities.

AG14.24

The Oregon State Grange will lobby to maintain the **Conservation Reserve Program**. **AG14.24**

The Oregon State Grange will vigorously oppose any change weakening Oregon's '**Agricultural Lien Laws.**' **AG14.24**

The Oregon State Grange supports local efforts to **safeguard the genetic diversity** within heirloom plant varieties and the Oregon State Grange encourages the growing, preservation, and distribution of these varieties throughout the state. **AG6.18, AG14.24**

The Oregon State Grange supports the **"Farm to Child Nutrition Programs."** **AG14.24**

The Oregon State Grange urges 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.** **AG14.24**

The Oregon State Grange encourages refuge managers in the Willamette Valley to 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 waterfowl.** **AG14.24**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that allows the use of surface and grey water for **permaculture.** **AG2.10, AG Comm.14, AG14.24**

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 per year 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.
- AG14.24**

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, LE10.24**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any effort to change the **guest worker classification for sheepherders from H-2A.** **AG5.12, AG Comm.14, LE10.24**

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, AG14.24**

Oregon State Grange supports the "Local Farms, Food and Job Act." **AG14.24**

The Oregon State Grange **"Supports Sustainable Farming"** partially defined as farming method which:

- Minimize unwanted cross pollination of seed types
- Encourages methods of seed creation which minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides.
- Encourages methods of seed creation which will increase the nutritional value of the food.
- Encourages research assessing impacts of agricultural seed and practices on human health, the natural environment, and the economy.

- Support farming originating from all seed types on condition that the above assurances are met.

AG14.24

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

FA8.14, AG14.24

The Oregon State Grange supports government and fiscal policy that improves the likelihood of commercial success, and reduces impediments to that success, of **Small Farms**.

AG14.24

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

AG3.16

The Oregon State Grange encourages farmers to voluntarily separate agricultural labor housing areas from pesticide spray operations by establishing a 300 ft minimum no-spray buffer to protect workers and their families. We also support proposals to adopt rules that separate farm worker housing areas from agricultural pesticide applications by a 300 ft. minimum in the state of Oregon,

AG4.18

The Oregon State Grange supports raising awareness about the benefits of regenerative agriculture and encourages implementation of practices to minimize on-farm inputs while building capacity for a farm operation's future productivity. We also support recognizing regenerative agriculture as a renewable method of farming that builds a farm's capacity each successive year, and we support the passage of policies that will encourage farmers to implement practices that follow regenerative agriculture standards.

AG5.18

The Oregon State Grange continues to support regenerative agriculture awareness, standards, research opportunities, and policies, including **legislation** to encourage farmers and ranchers to consider adoption of regenerative agriculture practices

AG4.20

We support any legislation that allows the cultivation, processing and sale of industrial hemp to the fullest extent allowed by federal laws.

AG2.19

The Oregon State Grange urges USDA to implement an educational program to help producers and consumers better understand the term "organic" and the scientific research concerning the differences between USDA certified organic and typical production.

AG3.19

The Oregon State Grange supports research of the decortication of hemp for further value added manufacturing for cordage, fiber, paper, alternative plastic, and renewable energy, while using sustainable practices.

AG2.20

We request the State of Oregon legislature to encourage small food and other agricultural produce processing businesses and agricultural service businesses in rural areas by: Revising existing land use legislation to allow creation of small farm sized parcels in rural areas for the production of food; allowing the building and re-building of residences on small agricultural acreages; by seeking to increase food sales venues and opportunities for small local farmers and by enacting water use legislation allowing one acre of land to be irrigated for commercial purposes on agricultural zoned parcels as an approved exempt use without requirement of obtaining an additional water right from the state.

AG6.20

The Oregon State Grange **opposes Initiative Petition 13** "The Abuse, Neglect, and Assault Exemption Modification and Improvement Act" (filed for the 2022 election cycle) and if it qualifies for the ballot the Oregon State Grange will take an active role in opposition.

AG6.21

The Oregon State Grange supports a **Farm Corps Program** for apprenticeships and mentoring of new and beginning farmers.

AG5.21

The Oregon State Grange strongly supports policies that strengthen and improve the ways in which Oregon small farmers and their local consumers can be brought together in mutually beneficial connection.

AG2.21

The Oregon State Grange supports the passage of Farm Direct Marketing legislation and an increase from \$20,000 to \$50,000 per year that a farm/producer can direct-sell as part of the direct marketing rules.

AG1.23

The Oregon State Grange calls upon the Oregon State Legislature to amend the laws pertaining to regulations of Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) to prohibit the Oregon Department of Agriculture from imposing large CAFO regulations on agricultural operations with less than 200 animal units.

AG17.24

GMO

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation which would place a moratorium on the growing of plants **genetically engineered** to produce pharmaceutical and industrial products using food crops in outdoor environments until methods to prevent spread of such genes are proved reliable. **AG14.24**

The Grange promotes the **saving of seed** for future use on their farm ("Brown Bag" seed).

AG1.06, AG Comm.14, AG14.24

The Oregon State Grange supports changing laws to allow Josephine County to restrict planting of genetically engineered crops as approved by County voters in 2014. **LE2.18**

The Oregon State Grange supports the citizens of the Rogue Valley in their efforts to create of a Special Agricultural District in Rogue Valley to prohibit the planting of any and all GMO plants including trees and seeds. **AG6.19**

We support changing the law to allow Josephine County to regulate the planting of genetically engineered plants as approved by County voters in 2014. **LE16.19**

Education

The Oregon State Grange supports education in the following ways

1. Oregon Farm to School program
2. Scholarships
3. Oregon Ag in the Classroom
4. Vocation Agriculture and FFA
5. Words for Third – Dictionaries for Third Grade Students
6. Parental Education programs
7. Talented and Gifted (TAG) programs
8. Special Education
9. Funding of Head Start and preschool programs
10. Well organized community-based charter schools
11. Community Education programs
12. Volunteers in schools

EH3.23

School Expenses and Funding Problems

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, LE17.19**

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**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any legislation for free college for all. **EH5.19**

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, Reaffirmed.22**

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**

The Oregon State Grange endorses efforts to guarantee that every public school district is staffed with the services of a licensed school librarian. **EH1.23**

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. **EH2.21**

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 reinstituting 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**

The Oregon State Grange believes that all students should successfully complete **financial literacy** studies prior to high school graduation, or demonstrate financial literacy by an alternate means specified by the school district. **EH2.21**

Schools

The Oregon State Grange supports preserving the state budget to keep the Oregon School for the Deaf open. **LE.12.09, LE18.19**

The Oregon State Grange supports **parental school choice** in education. **ED1.10, EH8.20**

We support any and all forms of **public funded virtual and charter schools**. **ED3.11, Reaffirmed.21**

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**

We support legislation increasing the school year to at least 180 days per year. **ED1.18**

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, Agricultural Education Programs

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**

We support any legislation that directs funding for FFA and other agricultural education programs. **EH7.19**

The Oregon State Grange supports Congress adding an amendment to the Student Agriculture Protection Act to include Grange Youth and the Grange Youth Fair Program. **LE10.19**

The Oregon State Grange urges Oregon's Legislature to create a forestry academy in the Elliott State Forest to provide forest-related educational and research opportunities for school-aged children. **EH1.22**

Miscellaneous

The Oregon State Grange will urge the Oregon State Legislature to require professional training and certification of "**service animals**." **EH1.21**

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**

The Oregon State Grange will lobby for **compact city development** regulated by efficient land use planning, construction of convenient and economical vehicle charging infrastructure, support of fuel-efficient transportation such as barge and rail, orderly development of renewal power sources such as biodiesel, solar, wind, geothermal, Thorium nuclear and fusion and energy efficient buildings. **TU5.24**

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, LE11.20

The State Grange advocates the use of **biomass as fuel** whenever possible and feasible at the local, county, state, and federal levels. **ENR1.11, Reaffirmed.21**

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

We support giving Oregon cities and counties more control over placement of solar power installations.

LE4.18

The Oregon State Grange supports the friends of Gap Road in their opposition to the proposed Muddy Creek Energy Park.

UT1.24

The Oregon State Grange supports ORS 469.504(2) being amended to require the Energy Facility Siting Council to determine if alternative siting locations for energy infrastructure exist which would not require land use exceptions, similar to the provisions of ORS 197.732.

LE1.24

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 support regulations and laws that control the excessive amounts of co2 emitted by human activity. **CO2.22**

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, Reaffirmed.21**

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**

We encourage any legislation that would require that single-use and short life plastic products and plastic packaging be manufactured using biodegradable products that will completely degrade within three years, if exposed to a biologically active environment. **EE2.18**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation and rulemaking to update, strengthen, and modernize the Oregon State School Integrated Pest Management (IPM) law to discourage the use of non-organic pesticides on the grounds of all Oregon's schools, and encourage a organics first policy for all Oregon schools. We further encourage the State Legislature to appropriate funds to organics-first education and technical support for school districts, and ask that the Legislature direct the Oregon Department of Agriculture to provide technical support, resources, and education to school districts to create and to follow an organics-first IPM policy. **EH6.20**

Recycling

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would **ban disposable polystyrene** food and drink containers throughout Oregon. **LE3.08, EE3.18**

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, EE3.18**

The Oregon State Grange supports expansion of Oregon's beverage container deposit law to include **ALL non-biodegradable disposable beverage containers**. **EE1.10, CO4.20**

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**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would expand the Bottle Bill to include personal size containers that are made for wine and other beverages distributed in Oregon. **LE3.18**

The Oregon State Grange supports and encourages legislation that would put a deposit on single-use aluminum containers. **CO3.19**

We also support state and national legislation that would require all one-time use plastics, with the exception of those intended for medical or research use, be required to be either returnable, recyclable or compostable. **CO4.19**

Preservation and Management of Our Environment

We oppose experiments with **altered bacteria** in an open environment. We recommend that no experiments of this kind be allowed unless they can be scientifically proven safe. **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**

The Oregon State Grange encourages farmers to incorporate and implement agricultural practices that support pollinators, such as alternating insectary strips, no-spray areas, hedgerows, meadows, beneficial insects, and reducing or eliminating pesticides that harm pollinators. We also acknowledge the importance of native bees and recognize August 15th as Native Bee Conservation Awareness Day and the third Saturday in August as National Honey Bee Day. We also support legislation that is supported by peer reviewed science that protects pollinators and creates safe pollinator habitat. **NR1.18**

The Oregon State Grange supports the removal of all restrictions on the fishing for non-native species in Oregon waterways containing salmon, steelhead, or endangered native fish. We also support the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council to establish a program similar to the Northern Pikeminnow Management Program to remove all non-native fish from all Oregon waterways containing salmon and steelhead. **CO5.19**

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**

The Oregon State Grange opposes efforts to re-introduce grizzly bears into areas with established and significant human activity. **AG7.18**

Climate

The Oregon State Grange supports full public disclosure of how, what, when, why and where climate and weather modifications are being conducted by U.S. agencies. **CO7.19**

The Oregon State Grange supports working toward a climate system capable of sustaining human life, and recognizing the need for all greenhouse gas emission reduction targets to be based in science. **CO8.19**

The Oregon State Grange supports energy efficiency projects and agricultural solutions to address climate change to improve the statewide economy and livability. **LE28.19**

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, LE19.19**

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, Reaffirmed.22**

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**

We support the US Postal Service issuing a commemorative Stamp for the 400th Anniversary of Plymouth Colony. **FA1.18**

The Oregon State Grange opposes Local Transportation Optimization (LTO) and will make our opposition known by sending this resolution to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, the Postal Regulatory Commission, President Joe Biden, and Oregon's Senators and Representatives. **LE5.24**

Foreign and Domestic Services

The Oregon State Grange will advocate in the next legislative session to allow Oregon to have year-round Pacific Standard Time. **LE25.24**

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, Reaffirmed.22**

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

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, Reaffirmed.22**

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**

The Oregon State Grange supports Congress and our trade negotiators to accept a new NAFTA only if it does the following:

Excludes Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) and other provisions that give foreign companies special litigation rights.

Institute strong workplace labor and environmental standards with protection for products and natural resources.

Protects consumers, U.S. businesses, farmers, and workers by ending the NAFTA rules that threaten food safety and food labeling.

Overhaul the NAFTA rules and preemptions establishing specific farm and food policies, including inventory management, strategic food reserves, and import surge protections. **FA3.18**

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, LE20.19**

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**

We oppose any barring of candidates from ballots for not releasing federal tax returns. **LE7.19**

The Oregon State Grange supports the Supreme Court of the United States voluntarily adopting the Code of Conduct formulated in 1973 for judges and enforcing this code on and amongst themselves. **LE9.23**

The Oregon State Grange supports age limits for federal office wherein all U. S. federal elected officials when they reach the age of eighty (80) be required to retire at the end of their current term. **LE6.24**

The Oregon State Grange supports age limits for the U.S. Supreme Court, wherein justices would be required to retire within six months of turning eighty (80) years old. **LE7.24**

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**

The Oregon State Grange opposes legislation allowing persons serving a term of incarceration for a felony conviction to vote while incarcerated. **LE4.19**

We oppose any legislation to lower the current voting age of 18 years at either state or national levels. **LE5.19**

The Oregon State Grange supports a change in National Primaries as follows: The United States be divided into four contiguous geographic regions for the purposes of holding national primary elections so that each region be of approximately equal population (except for Alaska and Hawaii, which would be grouped with the closest region. The regions would rotate going first, taking turns every four years, and primary elections would take place in the designated regions on the second Tuesday of February, March, April and May in order by region.

LE5.20

Federal Lands

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 supports issuance of a **driver's license** with valid proof of a Social Security number.

LE6.06, LE12.17

Immigration

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

LE1.08, LE7.18

The Oregon State Grange supports requiring all employers to use the federal E-Verify system to verify the legal status of their employees with penalties for non-compliance.

LE12.24

We support vigorous enforcement of U.S. **immigration laws**.

LE6.21

U.S. Constitution

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, LE11.20

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 these documents.

LE7.21

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, Reaffirmed.22

The Oregon State Grange supports the **U.S. Constitution** and will oppose any Congressional effort to violate the Constitution.

FA6.07, FA7.17

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, LE6.18**

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, LE 11.20**

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. **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 continues to support No Sales Tax for Oregon. **LE21.24**

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**

The Oregon State Grange opposes the mileage tax, which went into effect on July 1, 2018 (State Transit Tax) and supports legislation to have this tax measure repealed. **FAI3.19**

The Oregon State Grange believes that any and all taxes or fees imposed on the citizens shall be voted on and passed by a majority of the citizens of Oregon voting. **FAI2.20**

'Miscellaneous' not be allowed as a category on any property tax statement or property tax billing. **LE1.22**

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**

The Oregon State Grange supports HB2763 in the 2023 legislative session, or any other legislation which would establish a State Public Bank Task Force. **LE8.23**

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 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 Oregon State Grange supports federal legislation to declassify marijuana as a Schedule 1 substance and to remove federal penalties based on such classification. **LE2.24**

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 (**DUI**). 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** requiring coverage of the cost of such drugs by insurance companies and public agencies that pay for health care. **EH2.24**

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**

We support a change in laws so that all ambulances are within network for all insurance companies covering the region they service. **HW2.18**

The Oregon State Grange supports efforts of the Oregon Legislative Assembly to develop and establish a healthcare system that: provides comprehensive health care to all individuals residing or working in Oregon, that is accessible, affordable, and ensures choice of providers for individuals, families, government and businesses. **EH1.19**

We support statewide legislation to restrict or eliminate the practice of direct to consumer advertising for prescription drugs. **EH2.19**

We encourage legislation which would require prescription bottle labels have a large print portion stating the purpose of the medication and the name of the drug. **EH3.19**

We oppose any legislation for Medicare for All (M4A). **EH4.19**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would establish controls on the price of Insulin in the United States. **EH1.20**

We support the work of the Oregon State Legislative Assembly Task Force on Universal Health Care and the concept of Universal Health Care for Oregon, subject to development of a fair, reasonable, and affordable program confirmed by a vote of the people. **EH2.20**

We support a change in the date of Open Enrollment to purchase health insurance to a 90-day window to coincide with the individual's date of birth, with the exceptions of Qualifying Life Events. **EH5.20**

We urge the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Medical Board, and Oregon Commissioner of Insurance to have health care providers, agencies, and companies make available to telephone callers a live person who is able to answer questions. **EH2.22**

The Oregon State Grange urges Congress to amend the federal Medicaid Estate Recovery Program to include limits below which asset recovery will not be attempted. **FA1.24**

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 10th of each year to help educate and support education on mental health. **HW1.15, HW3.18**

We urge increased spending on the **WIC/ Senior Farm Direct Program** to provide enough money to serve most eligible seniors and eligible women and children to improve their health while also improving the farmers' livelihood. **LE14.09, LE22.19**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that requires that parents be given detailed information about risk of side effects of each vaccine's ingredients and the diseases these would prevent so parents may make an informed decision. **EH8.19**

We support the practice of mandatory immunization of all students in public and private K-12 schools without legitimate medical exemptions, following the Center for Disease Control's immunization schedule. **EH9.19**

We urge making all public accommodations complying with ADA be required to provide accessible entrances first. **GO2.19**

Diversity & Mental Health

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation and action to eliminate social inequality and racism in Oregon, and we encourage our Community Granges to support local efforts to eliminate social inequality and racism in their communities **EH4.20**

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 gun legislation before Congress that infringes upon our 2nd 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, LE23.19**

The Oregon State Grange supports the rights of gun owners with **concealed carry permits** to keep their personal information private. **LE4.12, Reaffirmed.22**

The Oregon State Grange opposes legislation that restricts **concealed carry** permit certified gun owners from carrying on public property. **LE6.12, Reaffirmed.22**

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 condemns all racially motivated acts of hate and violence. **LE1.21**

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, LE5.18**

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, LE24.19**

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**

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

We support legislation for state funding to both maintain current Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) and to recruit, train and supervise a larger and more diverse group of new CASAs.

LE9.19

The Oregon State Grange supports strengthening the punishment for falsely accusing someone of a crime.

LE11.19

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, LE25.19

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

LE1.12, Reaffirmed.22

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

The Oregon State Grange reaffirms our commitment to the principles enshrined in the Bill of Rights for every American and opposes rioting, and we publicly support all city, county and state police agencies in the State of Oregon and oppose any effort to defund or abolish these departments.

LE2.20

The Oregon State Grange recognizes the need to ensure that law enforcement officers have the equipment, training, funding, and resources that are necessary to protect the health and safety of the officers while the officers protect the public. We recognize and support positive procedure changes to benefit the community and officers.

LE4.20

The Oregon State Grange supports laws that will require policing agencies to disclose at the time of arrest that facial recognition software was the basis for identification of the suspect, and that third-party recognition contractors shall be liable for the cost of correcting mistaken identification plus penalties for damages.

LE10.23

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, LE11.20

We support policy that exempts Granges and other charitable organizations from lawsuits arising from accidents within the scope of normal behavior, not due to gross negligence, at community events. We further support that vendors and customers also be exempt from lawsuits arising from accidents within the scope of normal behavior, not due to gross negligence, at community events.

LE8.18

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 shall support, by lobbying, efforts to pass legislation such as H.R.2407 that would include multi-cancer screening in Medicare coverage.

EH5.23

The Oregon State Grange encourages Congress to update Medicare's description of Dementia as a medical issue.

EH1.24

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 or 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**

We support policy calling for both houses of the Oregon Legislature to change their policy and rules so that any legislative bill must pass by a two-third (2/3s) majority in both houses in order to carry the emergency clause. **LE27.19**

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, LE26.19**

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, LE6.20**

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, FA2.18**

The Oregon State Grange supports electronic ballot tracking technologies. **LE10.20**

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, LE5.21**

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**

We support the Tualatin and Washington County Chambers of Commerce and the Washington County Board of Commissioners in urging the Governor to unlink the three metro counties for Covid-19 reopening. **EH7.20**

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**

The Oregon State Grange supports the position that when a manufactured home park is sold and the residents are displaced the various parties to the sale and the State of Oregon shall create a jointly funded trust to be used to relocate the tenants including compensation of market value of the mobile home or for mortgage balance whichever is higher. **FA11.20**

The Oregon State Grange supports enacting legislation to allow boarding houses to be legally operated. We also resolve that the State of Oregon shall establish economically feasible minimum necessary safety standards, including installation of fire alarms, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide alarms, and the State shall also set economically feasible minimum necessary standards for in-house food preparation facilities, similar to those established for cottage food processing. **LE9.20**

The Oregon State Grange supports strategies that would provide affordable housing in counties affected by inflated costs due to recreational or rental ownership. **LE7.23**

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**

The Oregon State Grange will work to have the legislature revisit HB3115 as passed in 2021 to be more reasonable to communities under 25,000 population. **LE6.23**

Regulations

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that lessens the unfair **regulatory burden on small rural businesses**. LE5.10, LE11.20

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

The Oregon State Grange opposes any government provision of universal guaranteed income. LE1.19

The Oregon State Grange opposes any legislation for proposed guaranteed government jobs. LE2.19

Miscellaneous Resolutions

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, LE11.20

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, Reaffirmed.22

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

The Oregon State Grange supports mandatory Oregon State Licensing/ID for service animals. **LE1.18**

We urge congress to modify the ADA to establish standards for service animals and to not require title II and title III entities to permit service animals to accompany persons with disabilities unless: 1. The person's needs have been attested by a physician; 2. The service animal has been trained to ADA standards; 3. The person has applied for and obtained a certificate or placard similar to a disabled parking placard from a designated governmental authority as evidence of having met the acceptable standards. **LE2.22**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would allow the Department of Human Services (DHS) to investigate and prosecute a person for additional charges relating to child welfare if they have visitation or custody of a minor child and are convicted of Driving under the Influence of intoxicants or for manufacturing, growing or delivering/distributing illegal drugs. **LE11.18**

The Oregon State Grange urges the Oregon State government and the legislature to make an urgent priority of carrying out and requiring these key elements of emergency/disaster preparedness, including hardening the state fuel depot and structural strengthening of freeways, overpasses, bridges and hospitals. **TU1.19**

The Oregon State Grange believes that any new facility in which marijuana is produced, processed, wholesaled, retailed, distributed, transferred, sold or consumed should not be located within 1,000 feet of any Grange hall property boundaries in the State of Oregon. **LE1.20**

Natural Resources

Timber Resources and Logging Practices

The Oregon State Grange believes that all publicly owned forests should be strictly managed to protect and enhance all the interrelated values of the forest, from timber to clean water to wildlife and recreation. Methods should be developed and practiced to allow sustainable logging, while taking into consideration the preservation and rejuvenation of the forest. **CO5.24**

The Oregon State Grange supports the **wise use** of all **natural resources** including 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. **CO5.24**

The Oregon State Grange affirms its position that **grazing allotments** and timber sales are in the interest of rural citizens and agriculture. The U.S. Forest Service and the BLM should manage their land bases for multiple uses including timber and mineral production and protect them from catastrophic fires while taking into consideration the impact of their policies on local economies. **CO7.24**

The Oregon State Grange urges Congress to oppose the **sale of public lands**. 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. **CO6.24**

The Oregon State Grange encourages timely and expeditious **salvage** of insect damaged, diseased, and wildfire killed or damaged timber to prevent further deterioration of timber value and reduce wildfire hazard. We also encourage the use of modern silvicultural practices in timber management to harvest, thin, reforest and otherwise manage forest lands, encourage timber management activities be conducted so as to protect soil and water resources and to ensure reforestation of commercial timber species to meet or exceed the Oregon State Forest Practices requirement. **CO7.24**

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

1. Logging of burned or bug killed trees in fire damaged areas where practical;
2. Construction of new roads into timber stands be held to a minimum, and;

3. New seeding of native grass, forbs and trees be accomplished as soon as possible.

CO7.24

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 10% of the value** of the timber sale, said bond to be forfeited if the appeal is unsuccessful. LE14.24

The Oregon State Grange supports federal legislation that would halt any additional **wilderness designation** in the Mt. Hood National Forest with the understanding that old-growth timber stands be preserved through other means of legal protection. LE15.24

Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

The Oregon State Grange supports the Oregon State **Board of Forestry**. CO16.24

The Oregon State Grange encourages the Forest Service and BLM to return to the original intent of the **Taylor Grazing Act**. CO16.24

The Oregon State Grange encourages the repeal of the **Wild Horse and Burro Law**. The Oregon State Grange believes that BLM should be allowed to sell or dispose of horses that have been gathered each year, when homes cannot be found. CO.16.24

The Oregon State Grange will endorse **research** to provide Forest Managers, woodland owners, other forestry professionals, and the public with an understanding of better forest management. CO16.24

The Oregon State Grange 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, LE16.24

Wilderness, Recreation, and Wild and Scenic River Areas

The Oregon State Grange will lobby for the government to voluntarily offer to purchase all **private property** in National Recreation Areas and Wild and Scenic River Areas. LE17.24

Oregon Parks and National Parks

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 private 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. CO8.24

The Oregon State Grange believes any permit filing by the state for in stream water rights be performed under the economic and social impact analysis of the proposed water use, and those public hearings be held in the geographic area where the water being appropriated is located. CO9.24

The Oregon State Grange shall lobby to sharply curtail the use of deep wells for irrigation, especially where there is an indication of depleting the existing underground supply of fresh, clean water. CO9.24

The Oregon State Grange strongly opposes the Oregon Water Resource Department levying a per acre-foot, per year, Water Resource Department's 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. **CO9.24**

The Oregon State Grange is on record as opposing the commodification of water rights and we strongly advocate for state and federal legislation that will **ban speculative trading in water rights**. **FA11.21**

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

CO9.24

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, TU4.24

The Oregon State Grange demands that the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Agriculture receive adequate funding to support and expand voluntary efforts by agricultural industries and others to control nitrate pollution, and to enforce existing regulations on nitrate pollution when voluntary efforts fail. We support expanded funding for testing well water to determine the extent of nitrate contamination, and funding to help homeowners in affected areas with improvements or filtration systems to remediate nitrate pollution. **EH4.23**

Watersheds

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

CO10.24

The Oregon State Grange shall support the TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) **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 agriculture and natural resource producers the ability to continue in their businesses without excessive regulatory requirements that cost them unacceptable time and money.

LE18.24

The Columbia Gorge, Columbia River, and Their Resources

The Oregon State Grange will oppose any attempts to **divert the waters** of the Columbia River, as well as the Snake River, to states not along their banks. **CO11.24**

The Oregon State Grange:

strongly supports **lock projects for maintenance and repairs** on all dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

will work with legislators to help convince the Oregon Department of Transportation and the ICC (Interstate Commerce Commission), to promote the **lowest possible cost of transportation** for agriculture commodities.

supports initiating **salmon recovery projects** which do not sacrifice other economic values, such as habitat enhancement, erosion, and pollution control rules, culvert replacement for fish passage, and projects such as those in the Umatilla River in Oregon, the Clearwater River in Idaho, and the Hanford Reach in Washington.

supports continuation of **barging of fish** around the dams and reasonable control of seals and sea lions at fish transit points.

opposes the **breaching of** the lower Snake River **dams** and all dams on the Columbia River.

supports legislation that gives the Native American Tribes on the Columbia River the opportunity to operate some of the hatcheries on the Columbia River.

The Oregon State Grange opposes the removal of the Little Goose, Lower Granite, Lower Monumental, and Ice Harbor dams. **TU2.24**

Ocean and Stream Fish Resources

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. **CO13.24**

The Oregon State Grange strongly requests the legislature fund the reconstruction and operation of the Rock Creek Fish **Hatchery** near Idleyld Park as a part of the budget for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. **CO13.24**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation protecting waterways found to have unique fish stocks from being stocked with fish of different genetic makeups than the unique fish found there. **CO2.20**

The Oregon State Grange 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. **CO17.24**

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.

The Oregon State Grange supports current law banning the use of dogs to **hunt bear**.

The Oregon State Grange shall actively work to change the law to allow hunters to use dogs to control **cougars, fox, and coyote populations** under direction of the Oregon State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The Oregon State Grange shall support legislation requiring a surcharge of \$100.00 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.

The Oregon State Grange supports humane animal salvage within the first 12 hours and continues to support that law.

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. **CO14.24**

Preservation of Oregon Beaches

The Grange declares its conviction that the **public beaches** of Oregon are, and must remain, the property of the people. The Oregon State Grange supports reasonable government action to provide access to those beaches. **CO15.24**

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. **CO15.24**

Energy Resources

The Oregon State Grange opposes the permitting and acquisition of private property by eminent domain for construction of the Jordon Cove LNG Facility/Pacific Connector Pipeline and we oppose the invocation of eminent domain for construction of the Jordon Cove LNG Facility/Pacific Connector Pipeline in Oregon. **NR2.18**

Fossil Fuels

The Oregon State Grange supports rules for the siting of **Liquefied Natural Gas Port Terminals** and Pipelines that will ensure citizen input regarding site and route selection, depth of pipeline and pipeline easements which will allow maximum use of the land above the pipeline. **TU6.24**

The Oregon State Grange supports natural gas as an alternate energy source to electricity. **TU1.22**

Transportation & Utilities

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** such as, but not limited to, ethanol be made available statewide. **TR3.18**

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**

The Oregon State Grange opposes any state legislative or congressional bill or initiative measure that would restrict the sale or use of petroleum diesel for highway usage. **TU2.21**

The Oregon State Grange opposes taxing off-road equipment and fuel such as farming, ranching, and logging equipment to fund cleaner diesel engines in on-road applications. **LE1.23**

Vehicle Regulations and Fees

The Oregon State Grange opposes increased vehicle registration and title fees. **TR3.09, TU8.19**

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

We believe that owners should be given the option of keeping their **original license plates** when purchasing a different automobile. **TR1.10, TU3.20**

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**

The Oregon State Grange supports a combination of inflation adjusted fuel and mileage taxes increased to match inflation adjusted levels of 1960 to help finance road maintenance and improvement in Oregon. We also support an equivalent mileage tax with the use of private secured GPS units for passenger cars and trucks that do not pay fuel taxes, such as electric vehicles. **TU7.24**

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, TU9.19**

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

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 has a long-standing policy of "rigorously opposing the conversion of any existing road to a toll road" and in this case strongly opposes tolling and congestion pricing in I-205. **TR1.23**

The Oregon State Grange policy regarding tolling roads is as follows: That for any new toll proposed after January 1, 2018, the toll proposed by the public body is referred for approval or rejection to the

electors of each county in this state that has a county border within a 15-mile radius of any section of
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That for the purposes of this policy the following definitions are used:

- (a) "Highway" means every public way, road, street, thoroughfare, and place, including bridges, viaducts, and other structures within the boundaries of this state, open, used or intended for use of the general public for vehicles or vehicular traffic as a matter of right.
- (b) "Public body" means a public body as defined by the laws of this state.
- (c) "Section of highway proposed to be tolled" means the portion of the highway beginning at the highway exit before the first toll collection facility and ending at the highway exit after the last toll collection facility, as observed by the direction of vehicle travel on the highway.
- (d) "Toll" means any fee of charge for the use of a highway.
- (e) "Toll collection facility" means any physical location at which a toll is charged to vehicles for using the highway, including a toll booth, toll plaza or electronic toll collection system.
- (f) (A) "Vehicle" means any device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway.
(B) "Vehicle" includes vehicles that are propelled or powered by any means.

The Oregon State Grange supports Petition IP-4 and will work with Vote Before Tolls to collect the signatures needed to place this petition on the ballot, and will actively support passage of the measure that would come out of a successful signature drive on Petition IP-4. **LE4.23**

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**

The Oregon State Grange supports the creation of an east/west interstate or limited access expressway from Coos Bay to Ontario, as well as a north/south route from central Oregon to an interstate in Nevada. **TR1.18**

The Oregon State Grange supports the creation of a roadside memorial in honor of Oregon fallen firefighters in the same manner as is done for police officers and members of the armed services. **TR5.18**

The Oregon State Grange urges the Oregon Department of Transportation to reconsider placing an overpass at Vernonia Junction aka Staley's Junction (US26, Sunset Highway and OR 47, Nehalem Highway) for better traffic flow and for the safety of those traveling east or west on US 26. **TU6.19**

The Oregon State Grange urges the Oregon Department of Transportation to reconfigure the intersection of NW Cornelius Pass Road, NW Germantown Road, and NW Old Cornelius Pass Road to include a 4-way traffic signal (with no yellow flashing left-turn signal) and left turn lanes. **TU7.19**

The Oregon State Grange calls for legislation to be enacted at state and federal levels that would require 24-hour operation of vehicle headlights or daytime running lights. **TU1.21**

Railroads and Shipping

The Oregon State Grange support efforts by municipalities to operate abandoned rail lines for commerce. **TR4.08, TR4.18**

We advocate **long distance shipping by rail** as a way to reduce our dependence on oil, both foreign and domestic. **TR1.11, TU3.21**

The Oregon State Grange supports any efforts to increase federal railroad safety standards on shipping of oil or any hazardous materials and phasing out the use of older rail cars as soon as practical. **TU8.24**

The Oregon State Grange supports the efforts of the Port of Portland and export and import stakeholders to keep the cargo container operation working and to provide a stable source of funding for the operation of Terminal 6 Cargo Container Operation in Portland. **TU9.24**

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, Reaffirmed.22**

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**

We oppose measures that would limit or reduce the Lifeline Program. **FA4.18**

The Oregon State Grange supports the Net Neutrality Act and encourages any and all legislation which creates or restores laws which do not discriminate or charge differently by user, content, website, platform, application, type of attached equipment, or method of communication. We support calling for a National Broadband Act on its own standing, or as an amendment of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936. **TU2.19**

The Oregon State Grange will contact the Oregon Broadband Office in support of the adoption of the 'State Model Code for Accelerating Broadband Infrastructure Deployment and Investment' by the State of Oregon. **LE4.22**

Veterans

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, TU4.20**

We support construction of a proposed **Veterans Home** in Roseburg, Oregon and additional veteran's homes as needed. **LE2.11, Reaffirmed.21**

The Oregon State Grange reaffirm its position to lobby for honorably and medically discharged veterans and their families to be given **preference when applying for low-income housing**. This includes Federal/State subsidized housing developments, whether government or private. **VE2.22**

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**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that maintains the rights of veterans and that requires corporations and private companies that offer veterans discounts to not discriminate on veterans with a general or honorable discharge. **VT1.19**

The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that unites veterans and farmlands, through such organizations as Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Farmer Veteran Coalition and Farmlink to bring farmers without a succession plan to veterans and their families transitioning from military service. **VT2.19**

The Oregon State Grange resolves to work toward erecting a monument at the Oregon State Capitol on State Park Property recognizing the service and sacrifice of all Oregon veterans, all military branches, who have suffered disability in service to our country. **VE1.20**

We support legislation granting any non-citizen who has served in the armed forces of the United States, and their immediate family, the offer of an expedited path to full citizenship during their service or upon receiving an honorable discharge. **VE3.20**

The Oregon State Grange supports passage of a law to offer foreign-born veterans and their immediate family members full United States citizenship after their completed tour of duty or in the case of death while serving in the United States military, and that such citizenship be offered without any financial stipulation, and that once granted, the United States of America citizenship be irrevocable. **VE3.22**

The Oregon State Grange encourages Oregon's Trimet and other mass transit systems confer Honored Citizen status to honorably discharged veterans. **VT1.23**