

LEGISLATIVE REPORT 2003

SENATOR DAVID NELSON
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A letter from the Senator . . .

FROM THE DESK OF
SENATOR DAVID NELSON



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The 72nd Legislature was a long and often complicated session with many issues addressed. It was called following five special sessions in which the legislature worked tirelessly to align our state's budget with continuously declining revenues. Oregon was not alone in its budgetary troubles. Many states have experienced similar problems and are or have been in the process of special sessions, budget rebalancing and program reductions.

This was an unusual legislative session at an extraordinary time in Oregon's history. While the House remained under Republican control, the Senate was split 15-15 and Oregon had a new Democratic Governor. Republicans and Democrats worked together for a more efficient government, finding solutions for many state problems and placing procedures in order to address others.

Although the length of our session was record breaking, our accomplishments can be viewed as a model for efficiency and progress. We considered the needs, concerns and well-being of all Oregonians and worked on core principals of accountability and efficiency to build a legislative foundation on which northeastern Oregonians can be proud.

Thank you for your e-mails, letters, and phone calls. Once again, I was pleasantly surprised by how many of you were able to visit me in Salem. It is always great to hear from folks at home; your commitment and thoughtful consideration of issues is always appreciated.

Enclosed you will find information on the progress and accomplishments made this legislative session. I invite you to share your views with me and contact me when I can be of assistance to you or come to visit your group to address issues important to you.

Please call me at 541-278-2332, or e-mail sen.davidnelson@state.or.us.

Warm Regards,

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