

## **What Senator Merkley Does For Oregon!**

1. Senator Merkley announced key provisions in education and health care in the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education bill that will help Oregon communities.

“Every kid in Oregon should have a shot at the top-flight education they’ll need in today’s knowledge economy. This bill not only rejects cuts that the Trump budget proposed, it preserves programs that keep teachers in the classroom, provides opportunity for disadvantaged students, and helps both youth and adults in career technical education.”

2. Merkley led the fight to reject the Trump’s budget’s elimination of Community Services Block Grants, which are critical to rural Oregon communities, and successfully preserved \$700 million in grant funding to help alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty.

3. Senator Merkley preserved funding for WISEWOMAN, a Centers for Disease Control program that provides more than 165,000 under-insured, low-income women with services to help reduce heart disease and stroke risk factors.

4. Senator Merkley is the only Oregon member of Congress from either chamber since Senator Mark Hatfield to serve on the Appropriations Committee, considered to be one of the most powerful on Capitol Hill. He joined the Committee in 2013 so that Oregon would have a strong voice in decisions about the investments our nation should be making.

5. Merkley, responding to rural and urban Oregonians’ concerns, led 28 senators to push for a \$5.5 million increase in federal funding for nursing workforce development.

6. The senator worked to restore more than \$2 billion in districts and 30,000 teaching professionals in Oregon. He led the effort to fully fund TRIO, an educational program that supports students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

7. Merkley helped maintain \$1.7 billion for Career and Technical Education funding, providing young people and adults training for good paying jobs that don’t require an expensive college education.

8. The senator fought to reject Trump's elimination of community service programs that help vulnerable people, i.e. VISTA, AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and College Possible.

9. Merkley pushed to rebuff Trump's proposed \$6 billion cut to the National Institutes of Health, and instead the bill increases funding by \$2 billion, to more than \$36 billion to help research and treat cancer, Alzheimer's, and other devastating diseases. Senator Merkley also worked to preserve \$54 million for research being conducted at U of O to help ensure public education benefits students with disabilities.

Please thank Senator Merkley for all he does for us!